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# *The* DURANGO KID

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## Reports Good News for all sufferers from

**ACNE, TEEN-AGE PIMPLES,  
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TO HELP YOUR  
SKIN LOOK  
LOVELIER AND  
MORE ATTRACTIVE  
IN A FEW  
MINUTES  
OR DOUBLE  
YOUR MONEY BACK!**

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SPECIALISTS  
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**SKIN DOCTORS STATE THAT  
TO NEGLECT YOUR SKIN MAY  
PROLONG YOUR COMPLEXION  
TROUBLE AND MAKE IT  
MORE DIFFICULT TO CLEAR UP!**

**DELAY MAY BE HARMFUL—**  
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**T**HE FLAMES WERE CRACKLING NOW, JUMPING HIGH, DOING A SORT OF CRAZY DEATH DANCE! THEY KEPT COMING CLOSER TO THE DURANGO KID — THESE WEAVING, FLICKERING, HOT-TONGUED FLAMES! AND THE INDIANS WHO HAD SET FIRE TO THE TALL GRASS, SMILED GRIMLY — FOR AT LAST THEY WERE OBEYING

**"THE COMMAND TO KILL!"**



**I**N HIS LONELY TEPEE, SPOTTED BEAR, THE AGED HALF-BLIND MEDICINE MAN, SQUATS FEARFULLY IN THE SHADOWS...



**S**UDDENLY— I HAVE COME, SPOTTED BEAR! I HAVE COME AGAIN... WITH MY COMMAND TO KILL!

AIEEE!





TELL YOUR CHIEF—  
IF BY TOMORROW NIGHT,  
YOUR PEOPLE HAVE  
NOT KILLED A WHITE  
MAN, ONE OF YOU  
WILL DIE!



IN THE  
MORNING—

I KNOW YOURS ARE NOT LYING WORDS,  
SPOTTED BEAR—THAT YOU ARE TRULY  
TROUBLED BY YOUR VISION. BUT OUR TRIBE  
HAS MADE TREATY WITH THE WHITE MAN. WE  
HAVE LIVED AT PEACE FOR MANY MOONS.  
MY ANSWER IS: NO! WE SHALL  
NOT OBEY THE COMMAND!

SO THE DAY ROLLS PEACE-  
FULLY BY. AND WHEN THE  
SUN RISES AGAIN, A LONE  
BRAVE IS DRINKING AT  
A STREAM...

A TWIG SNAPS BEHIND  
HIM!



AIEEE!



AARGH!

AND THEN SPOTTED  
BEAR'S VISION GLIDES  
SLOWLY AWAY...



WHEN THE BODY HAS BEEN DISCOVERED—

SOON AFTER—

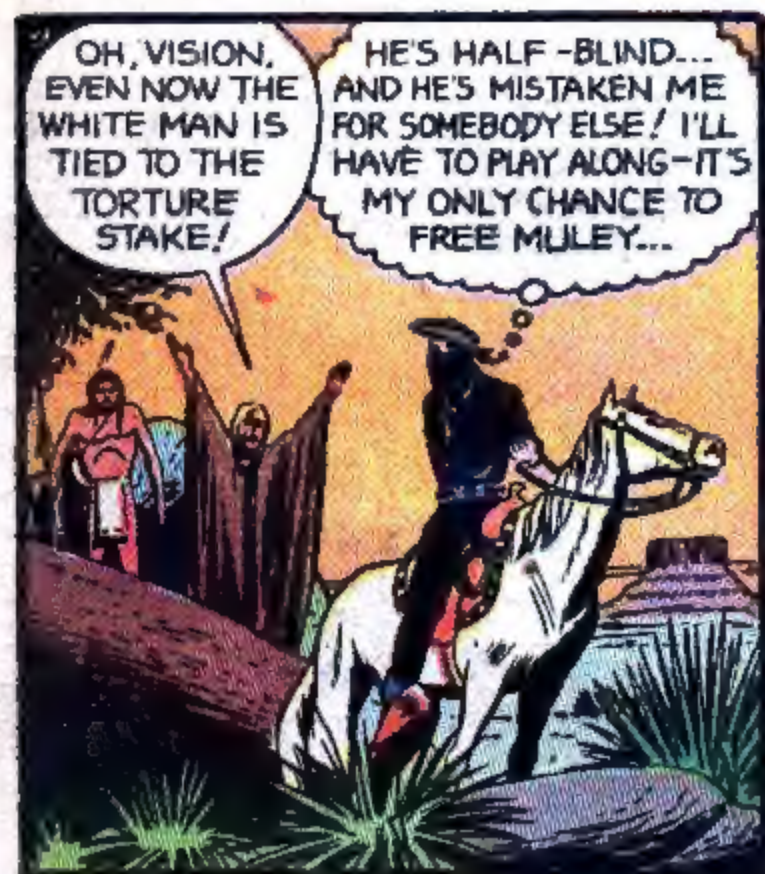
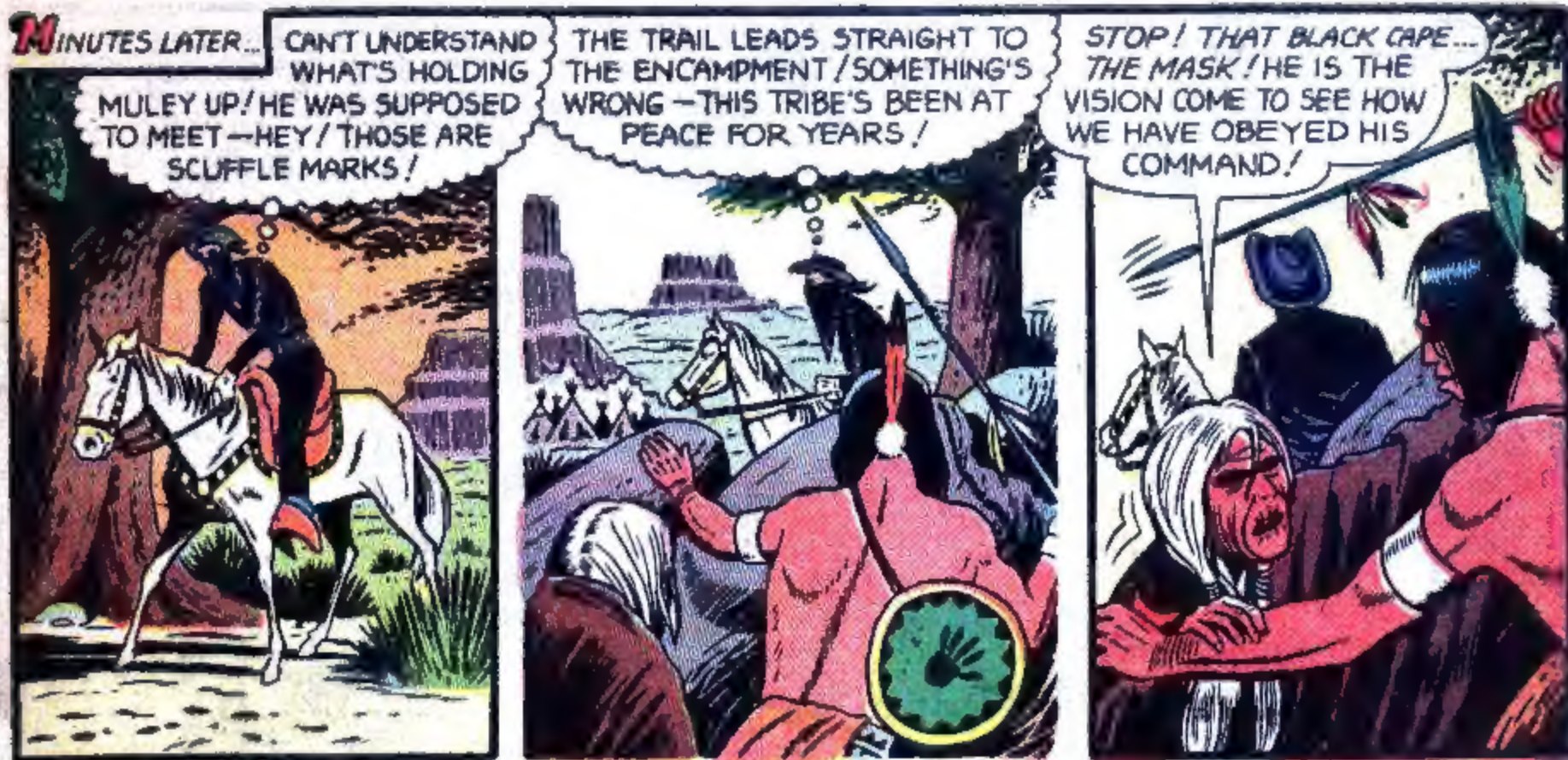
HOME ON THUH  
RANGE—WHAR  
THUH DEER AN' THUH ANTELOPE  
PLAY... ♪♪♪♪

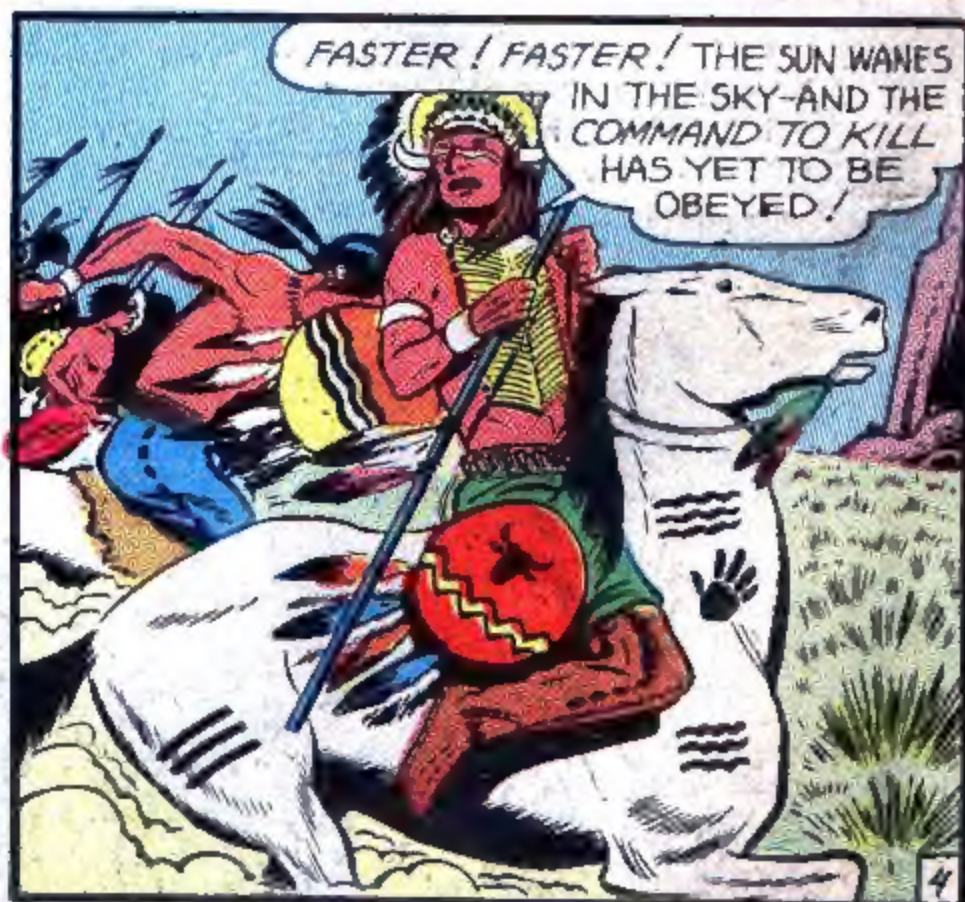
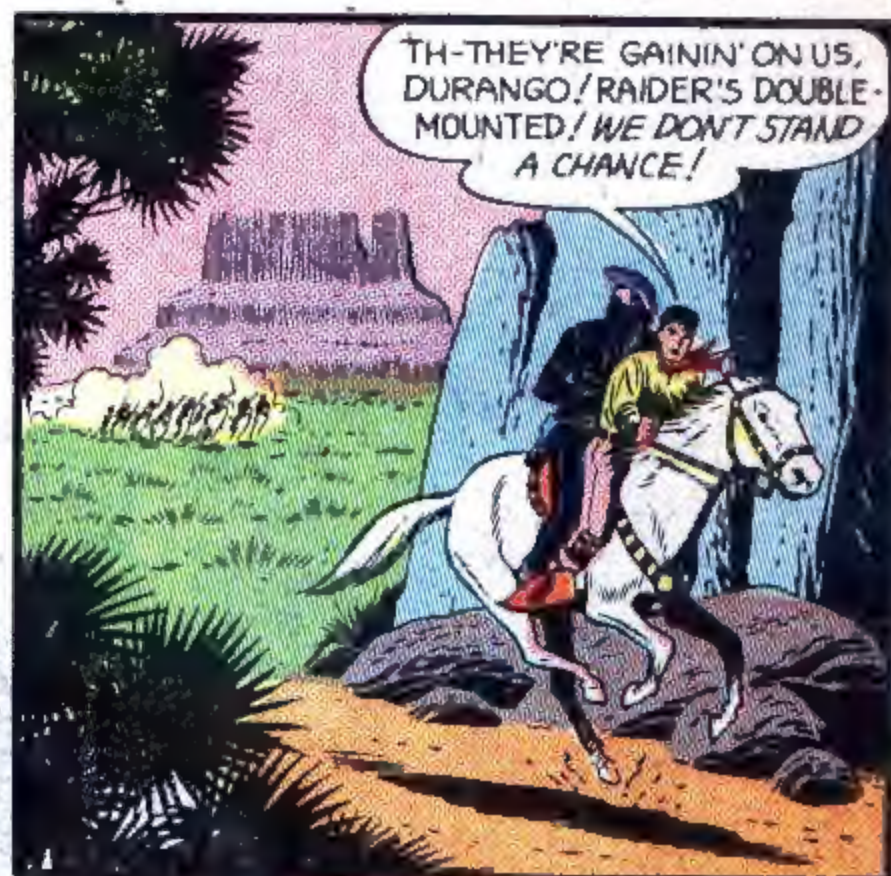
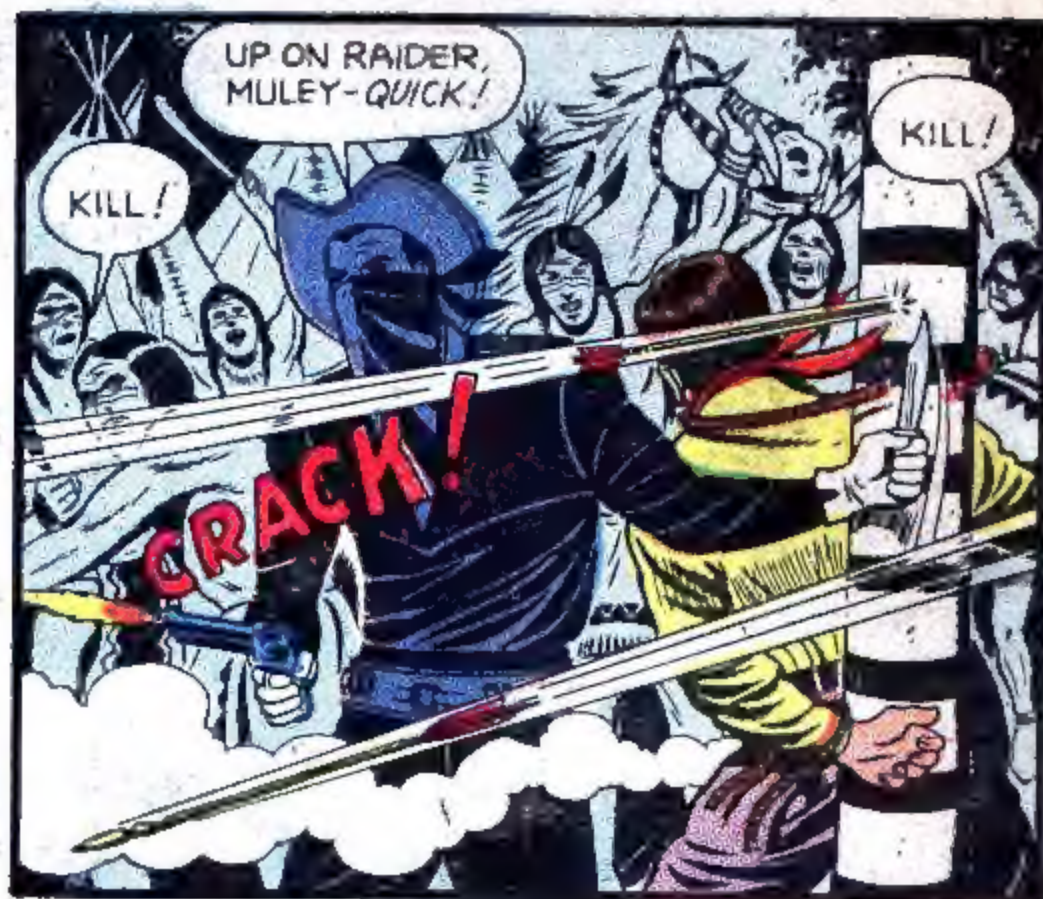
NOW WILL  
YOU DO AS  
THE  
VISION  
COMMANDS,  
GREAT  
CHIEF?!

MY HEART IS HEAVY—BUT  
THERE IS NO OTHER PATH  
TO FOLLOW. SO BE IT!  
LET THE SQUAWS PREPARE  
THE TORTURE STAKE. LET  
THE WARRIORS RIDE OUT  
AND CAPTURE A WHITE  
MAN...



GNNNG!

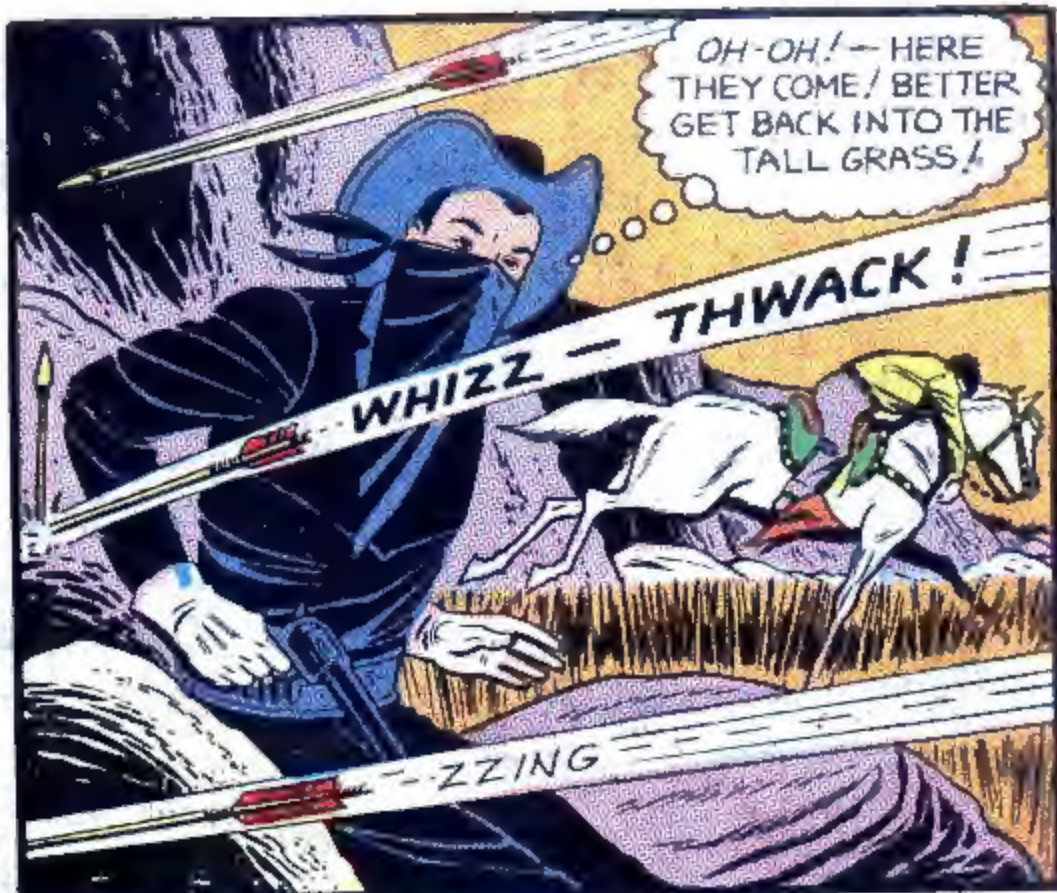






HATE TO DO THIS TO MY BEST FRIEND - BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE!

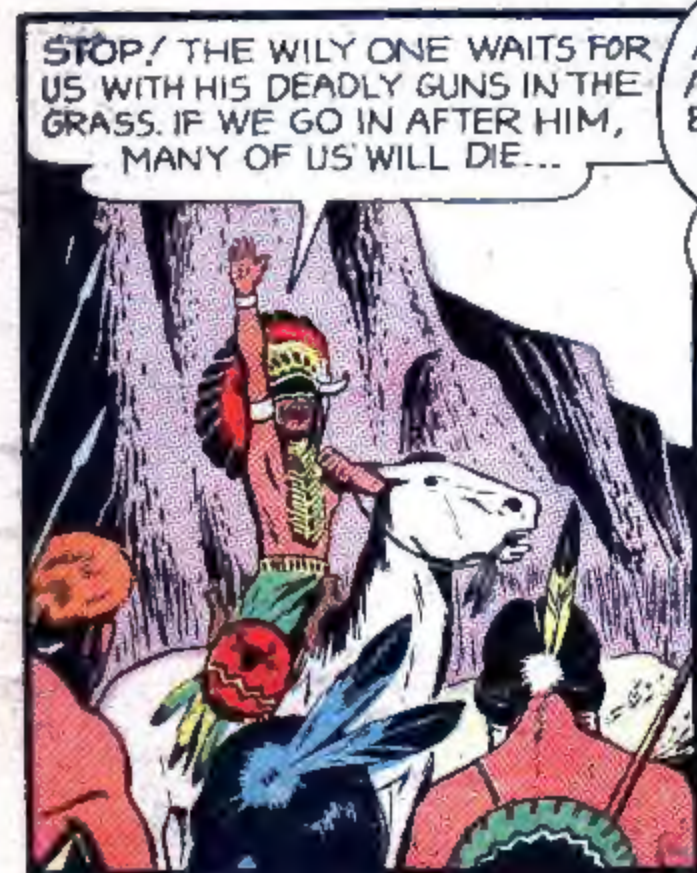
GNNG!



OH-OH! - HERE THEY COME! BETTER GET BACK INTO THE TALL GRASS!

THWACK!

WHIZZ - ZZING

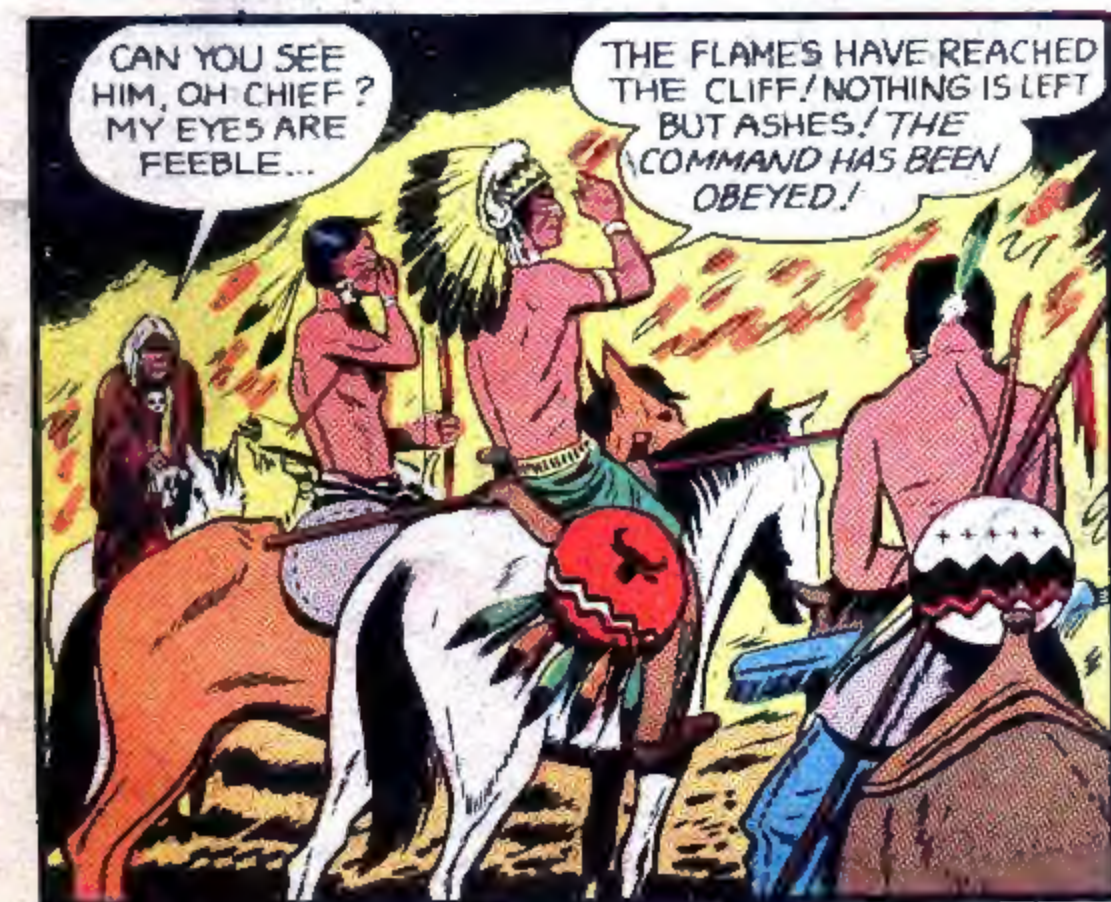


STOP! THE WILY ONE WAITS FOR US WITH HIS DEADLY GUNS IN THE GRASS. IF WE GO IN AFTER HIM, MANY OF US WILL DIE...

BUT THE GRASS ENDS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIFF... AND THE WIND IS AT OUR BACK! SO LET US FORM A HALF-CIRCLE HERE AND FIRE THE GRASS! THE FLAME-SPIRITS WILL OBEY THE VISION'S COMMAND FOR US!



SOON - THE DEVILS MEAN TO BURN ME ALIVE! THE CLIFF'S AT MY BACK... AND THEY'RE WAITING FOR ME IF I TRY TO BREAK THROUGH THE FLAMES! I'M TRAPPED!



CAN YOU SEE HIM, OH CHIEF? MY EYES ARE FEEBLE...

THE FLAMES HAVE REACHED THE CLIFF! NOTHING IS LEFT BUT ASHES! THE COMMAND HAS BEEN OBEYED!



YOU WILL SLEEP WELL TONIGHT, SPOTTED BEAR! THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOUR VISION TO COME AGAIN...



**BUT THAT NIGHT—**  
YOU RETURNED? WE DID AS  
YOU COMMANDED! WE  
KILLED A WHITE  
MAN!

AIEEEEE!  
WHY HAVE

FOOL!



THE WHITE MAN ESCAPED THE  
FLAMES! IN THE CLIFF AT HIS  
BACK WAS THE AIR-VENT OF  
AN ABANDONED MINE!



**SUDDENLY—**

THAT'S RIGHT! I ESCAPED—  
AND I'M HERE NOW,  
ACHING TO FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE  
AND WHY YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING  
THE INDIANS UP TO DEVILMENT!  
FIRST I'LL UNMASK YOU...

AND NOW  
START  
TALKING!

NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO  
WITH THAT GUN POINTING  
RIGHT AT ME... MY NAME'S  
JEFF FARNOE! I  
HATE THIS INDIAN  
TRIBE! YEAR'S  
BACK WHEN I WAS  
A BOY AND LIVED  
IN THESE PARTS...

A  
WHITE  
MAN!



"THEY WIPED OUT MY WHOLE FAMILY ON ONE OF THEIR RAIDS!"

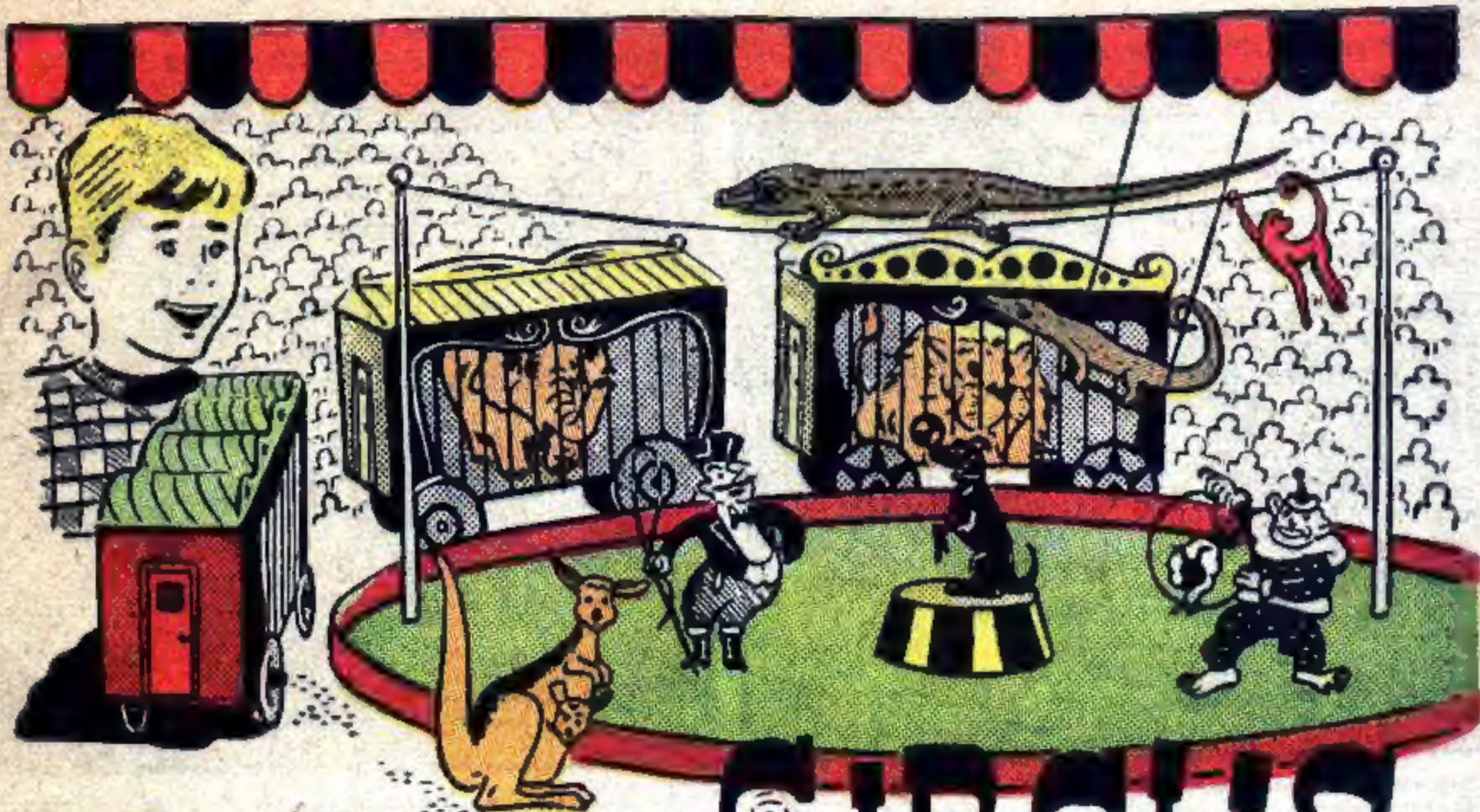
KILL!

((AARGH!))



"I WAS ONLY A BOY—BUT I TOOK AN  
OATH OVER THE BODIES OF MY PARENTS  
AND MY LITTLE SISTER..."

I'LL GET THEM  
ALL—EVERY ONE  
OF THOSE RED-  
DEVILS, IF IT'S  
THE LAST THING  
I DO!



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"I WAS SENT BACK EAST WHERE MY UNCLE BROUGHT ME UP. HE WORKED THE THEATRE CIRCUIT AS A HYPNOTIST..."

IT'S A QUEER TRADE I'LL BE TEACHING YOU, YOUNG JEFF - BUT IT'S AS GOOD AS ANY.



"MY UNCLE DIED... AND I TOOK OVER THE ACT!"

BRAVO!  
BRAVO!

THE MAN'S SUPERB! HE CAN MAKE PEOPLE DO ANYTHING AT ALL SIMPLY BY STARING INTO THEIR EYES!



AS THE YEARS PASSED, I NEVER FORGOT THAT OATH! A MONTH AGO I TRAVELLED OUT HERE. I BEGAN VISITING THE OLD MEDICINE MAN AT NIGHT, AND USED HYPNOTISM TO MAKE HIM BELIEVE I WAS A VISION! I FIGURED THAT ONCE THE TRIBE BEGAN KILLING WHITE MEN, THE ARMY WOULD WIPE THEM OUT!



NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU MY STORY, IT'S NOT GOING TO DO YOU ANY GOOD! BECAUSE I'VE BEEN STARING INTO YOUR EYES WHILE TALKING - AND YOU'RE IN A TRANCE NOW, HELPLESS...



...AND I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU NEVER SNAP OUT OF IT!



BUT BEFORE THE HYPNOTIST CAN SQUEEZE TRIGGER-



AARGH!

I HEARD ALL. HE WAS AN EVIL MAN. I STABBED HIM BEFORE HE COULD SHOOT YOU.

WHEW - THAT WAS CLOSE! NOW LET'S GO SEE YOUR CHIEF AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THE COMMAND TO KILL WAS A PHONY!



THE  
END

# The DURANGO KID

## THE CHALLENGE AT SKULL GORGE

—FRED GUARDVISED



ALL RIGHT, BLACK MIKE—THIS IS IT! IT'S GOING TO BE EITHER YOU OR ME!

DUCK, BOYS—THE LEAD'S GONNA BE THICKER'N SMOKE IN JEST ONE MINUTE!

THE BIG CITY—A MAN IS LET OUT OF THE FEDERAL JAIL...

SO LONG, BLACK MIKE—YUH'VE SERVED YORE TIME, HOMBRE. NOW KEEP OUTA TROUBLE!

YEAH, I'LL KEEP OUTA TROUBLE, ALL RIGHT—AFTER I GIT RID O' DURANGO!



WORD PASSES ALONG THE OWLHOOT GRAPEVINE...

PASS THUH WORD, PAL—BLACK MIKE'S OUTA JAIL AN' GUNNIN' FER MEN—YUH IN?

COUNT ME IN! I'LL GO ROUND UP THUH REST O' MUH BOYS!



THIS IS IT, BOYS—BLACK MIKE'S OUTA JAIL AN' CALLIN' FER MEN! LET'S GO!

HEAR TELL HE'S GOT A SURE-FIRE PLAN TUH GIT DURANGO!

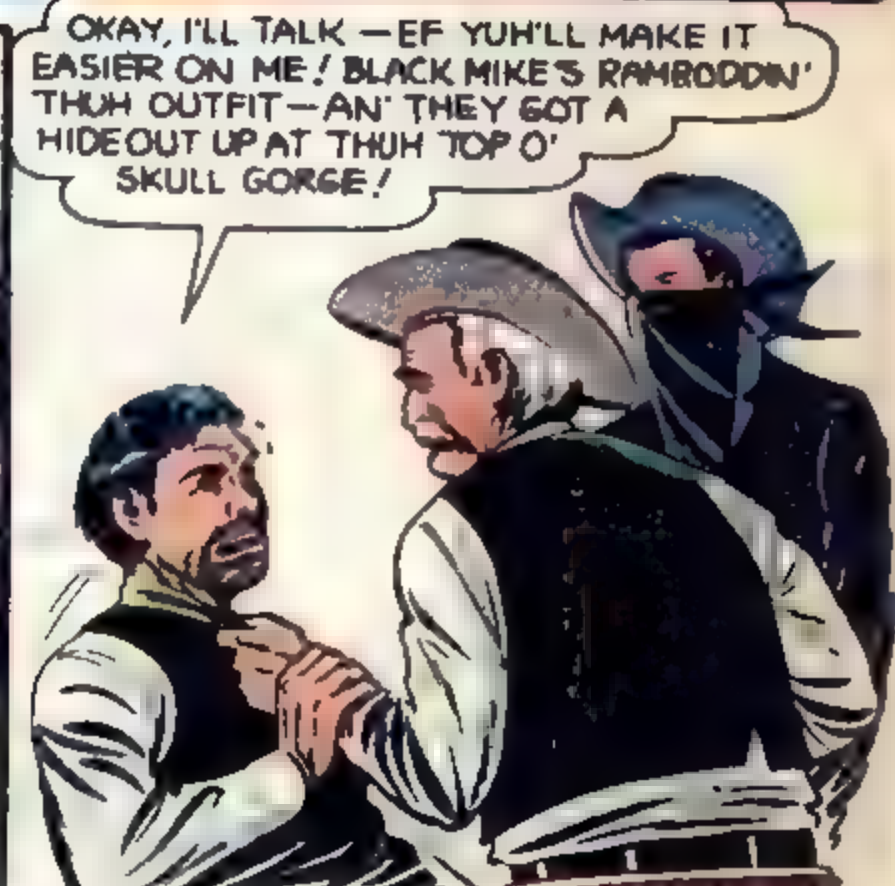
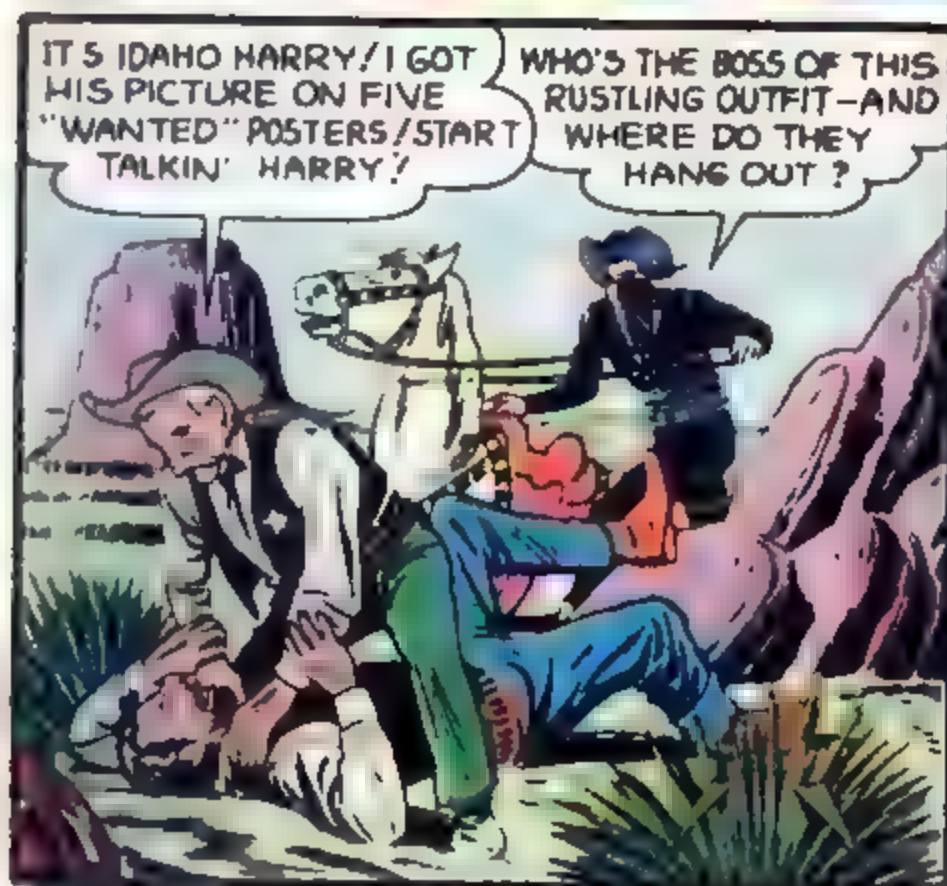


THEY COME—FROM THE SALOONS, THE MOUNTAIN HIDEOUTS, THE DARK AND DESOLATE HAUNTS OF THE NIGHT OWL...

OKAY, BOYS—HYAR'S MUH PLAN IT CAIN'T MISS.



**A FEW DAYS LATER... THE DURANGO KID INTERRUPTS A RUSTLING RAID!**



HIGH ALONG THE PASSES OF SKULL GORGE...

WAL, WE FIXED IT SO IDAHO HARRY LET HISSELF GET CAPTURED. IF HE DOES HIS JOB RIGHT, DURANGO OUGHTA BE COMIN' AFTER US ANY MINUTE.

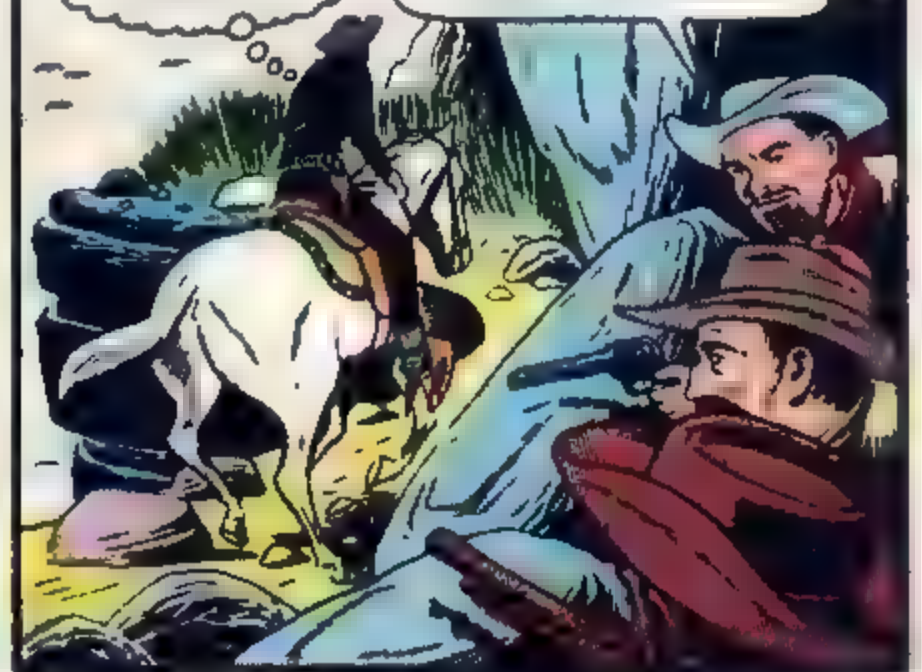
AN' FALL INTUH OUR TRAP! WE GOT RIFLEMEN HIDDEN UP AN' DOWN THIS GORGE!

IT'S WORKIN'! HYAR HE COMES!

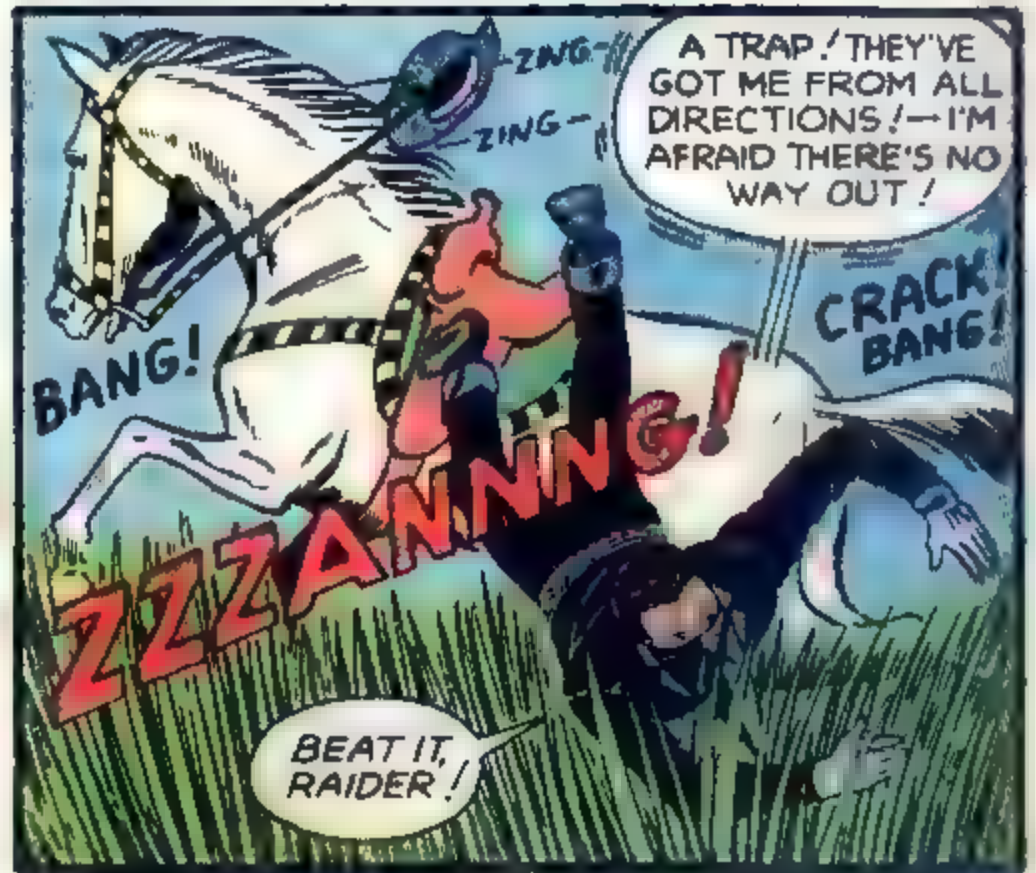


SKULL GORGE IS JUST A HALF MILE UP THE TRAIL—I'D BETTER START BEING CAREFUL...

LET 'IM PAST, BOYS—WAIT 'TILL HE GITS UP NEAR THUH TALL GRASS—THEN GIVE THUH SIGNAL AN EVERYBODY SHOOT'S TOGETHER!



THINGS ARE JUST A BIT TOO QUIET—WHEW, I'D SURE HATE TO FALL DOWN THERE!



BEAT IT, RAIDER!

THIS IS IT, BOYS / GIT UP AN' MOVE IN—AN' MOVE IN SHOOTIN'! I WANT HIM DAID!

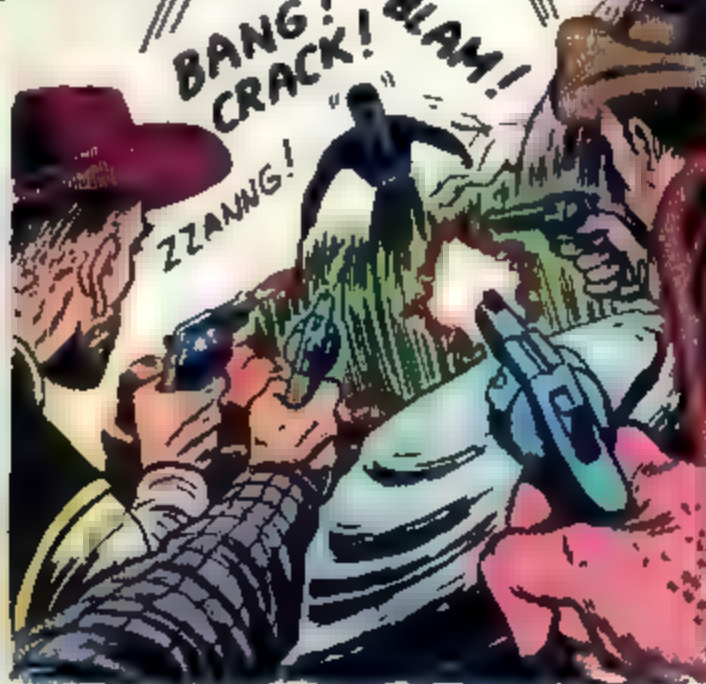
WE'RE CLOSIN' IN FROM ALL SIDES! DURANGO'LL NEVER GIT OUTA THIS TRAP!

I GOT 'IM! HE'S UP!... HE'S DOWN!...

HE'S STAGGERIN'! HE'S GONNA FALL OVER!

THAR HE GOES!

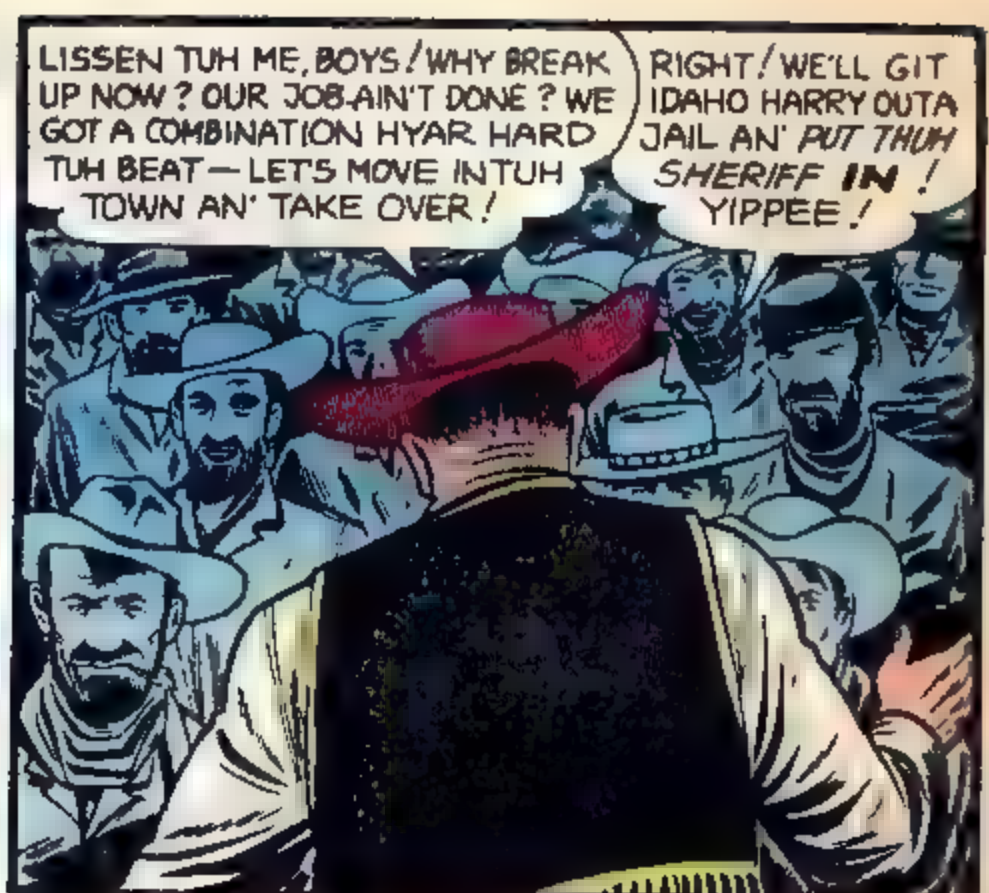
AIN'T **NOBODY** KIN LIVE THROUGH A FALL LIKE THET! THAR'S NUTHIN' BUT SHARP ROCKS—TWO-HUNDRED- FEET DOWN! **YAHOO!**





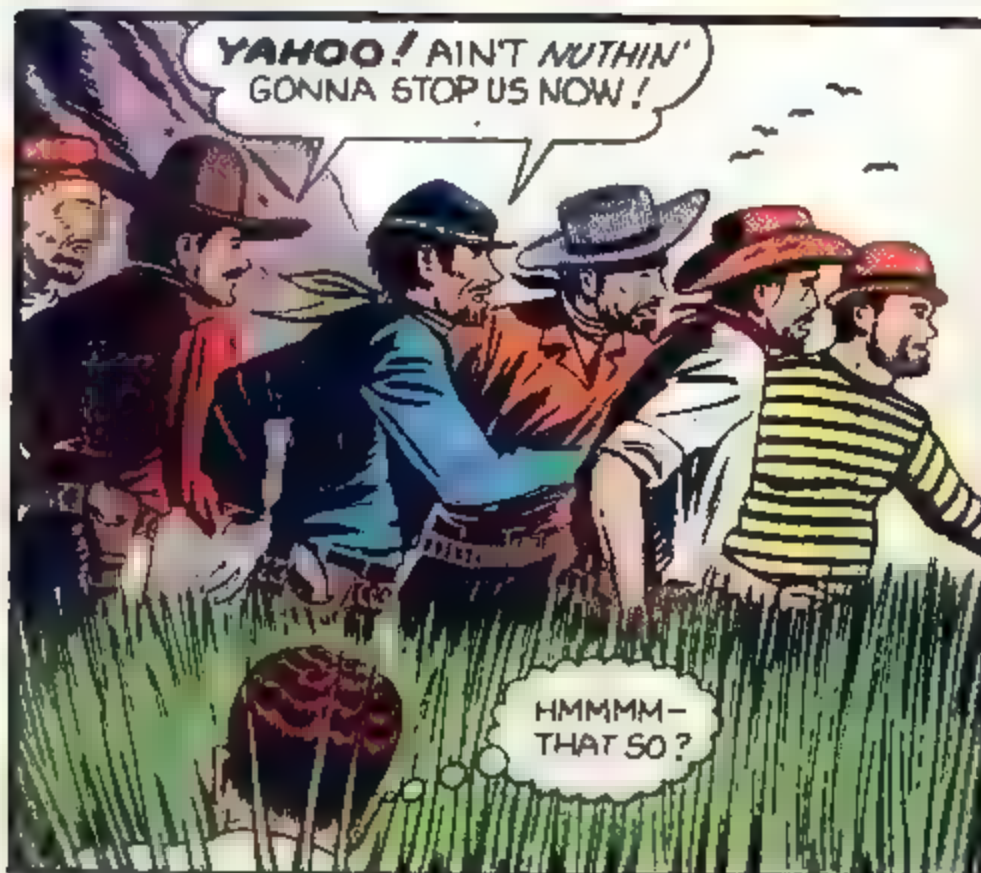
HE'S DAID,  
ALL RIGHT! MUSTA  
BROKE EVERY BONE  
IN HIS BODY!

RIGHT-EVEN EF OUR  
BULLETS MISSED'IM! GOLLY-  
HE'S JEST SQUASHED ALL  
OUTA SHAPE! BR-R-R-R!



LISSEN TUH ME, BOYS! WHY BREAK  
UP NOW? OUR JOB AIN'T DONE? WE  
GOT A COMBINATION HYAR HARD  
TUH BEAT- LET'S MOVE INTUH  
TOWN AN' TAKE OVER!

RIGHT! WE'LL GIT  
IDAHO HARRY OUTA  
JAIL AN' PUT THUH  
SHERIFF IN!  
YIPPEE!



YAHOO! AIN'T NUTHIN'  
GONNA STOP US NOW!

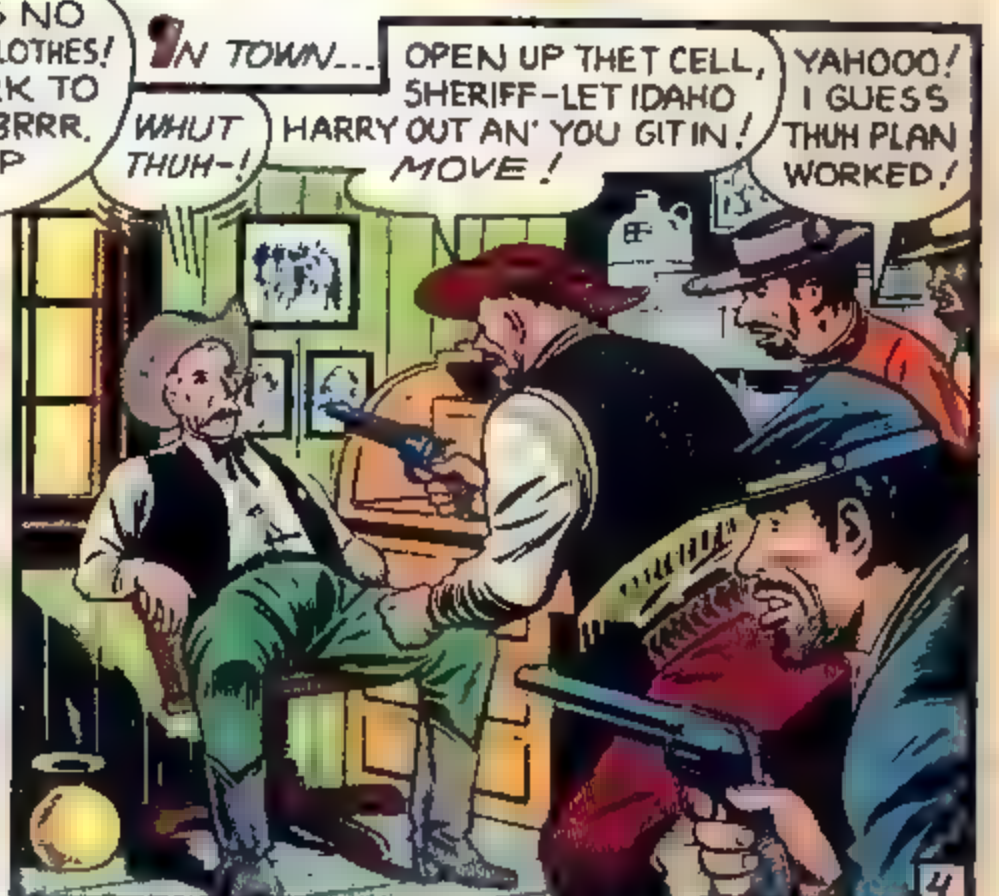
HMMMM-  
THAT SO?



WELL, IT WORKED! I STUFFED  
MY DURANGO CLOTHES WITH THE  
TALL GRASS AND THREW IT  
OVER THE CLIFF. WHEW-AM  
GLAD I WASN'T IN THOSE  
CLOTHES!



ONLY THING IS - THERE'S NO  
WAY DOWN THERE TO GET MY CLOTHES!  
I'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL DARK TO  
SNEAK BACK INTO TOWN - BRRR.  
IT'S SORT OF COLD UP  
HERE!

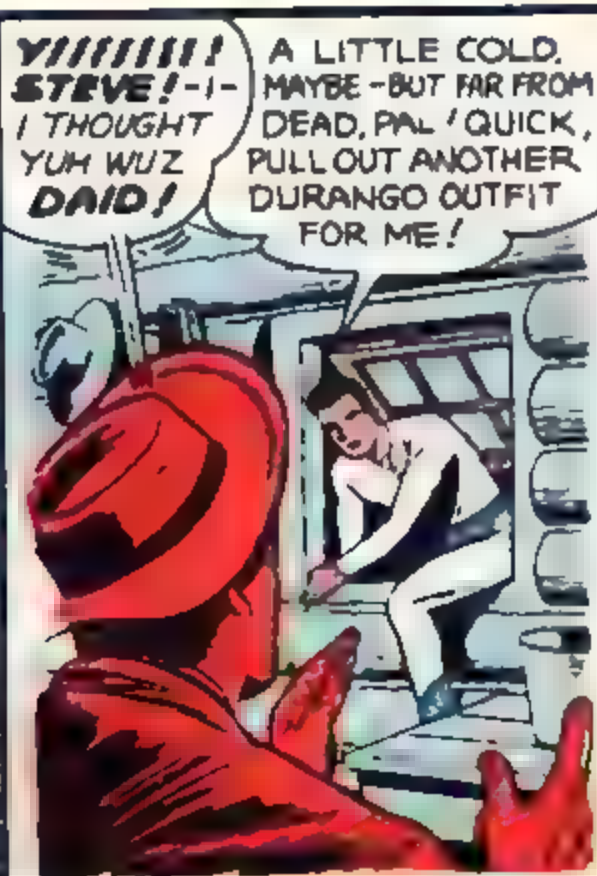
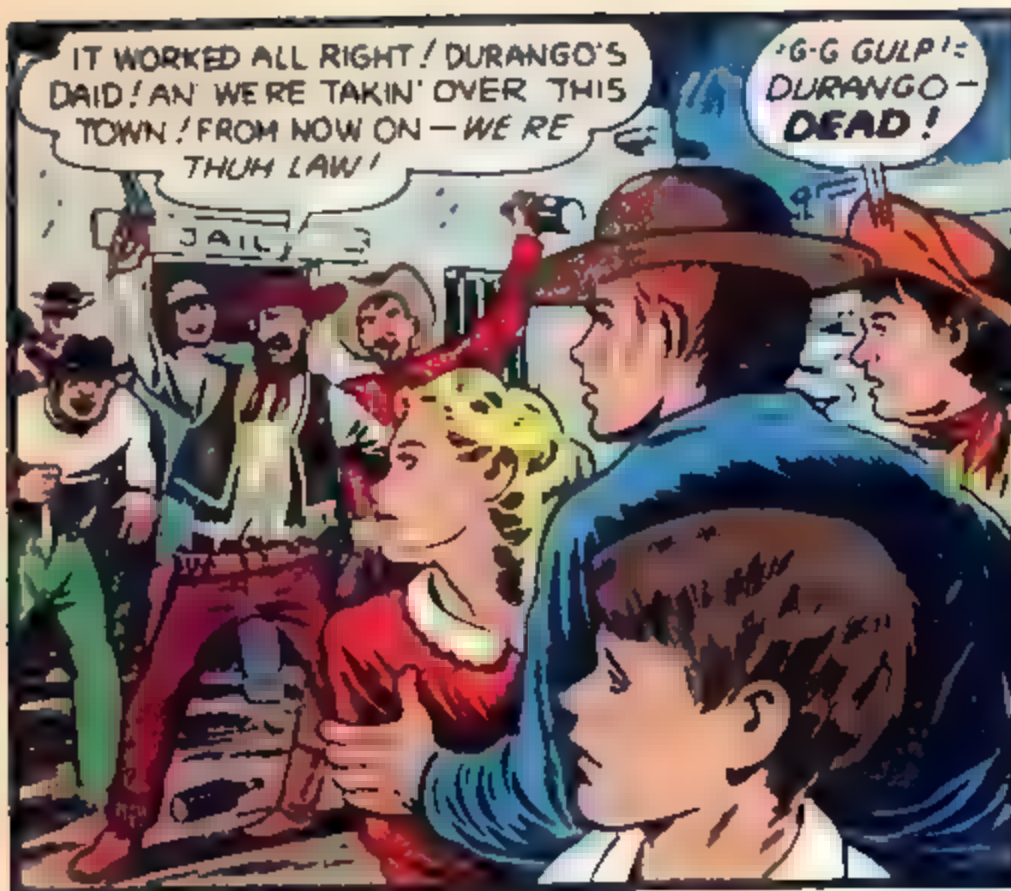


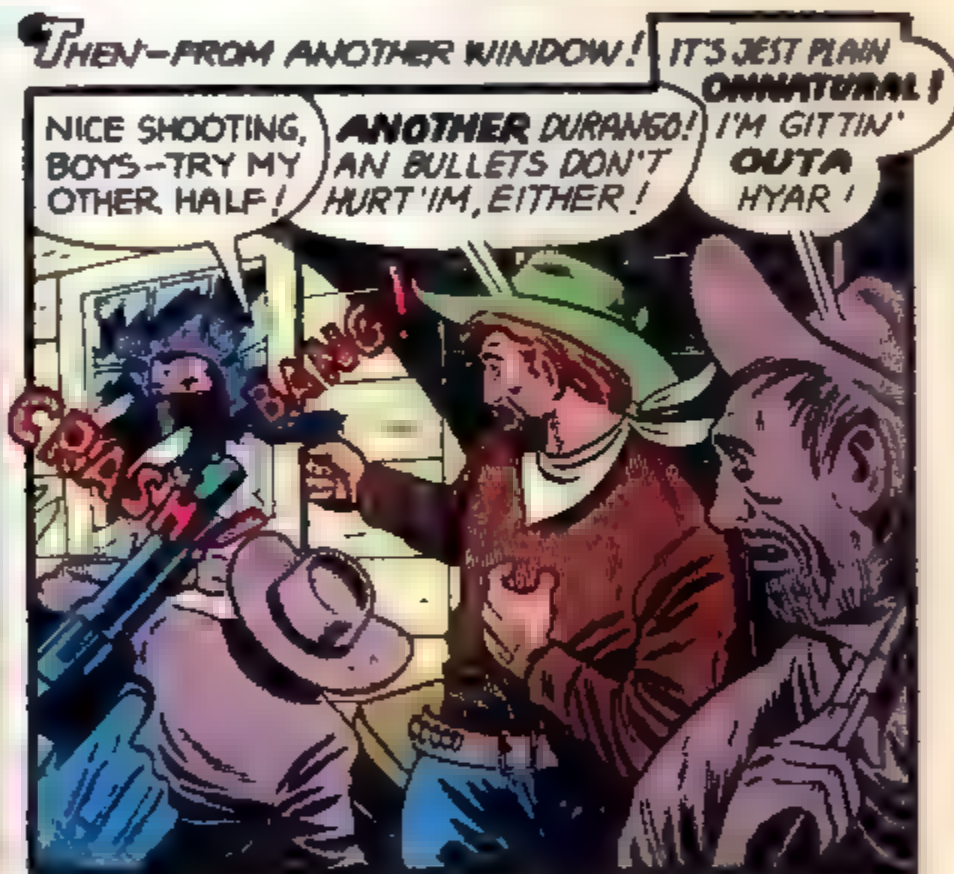
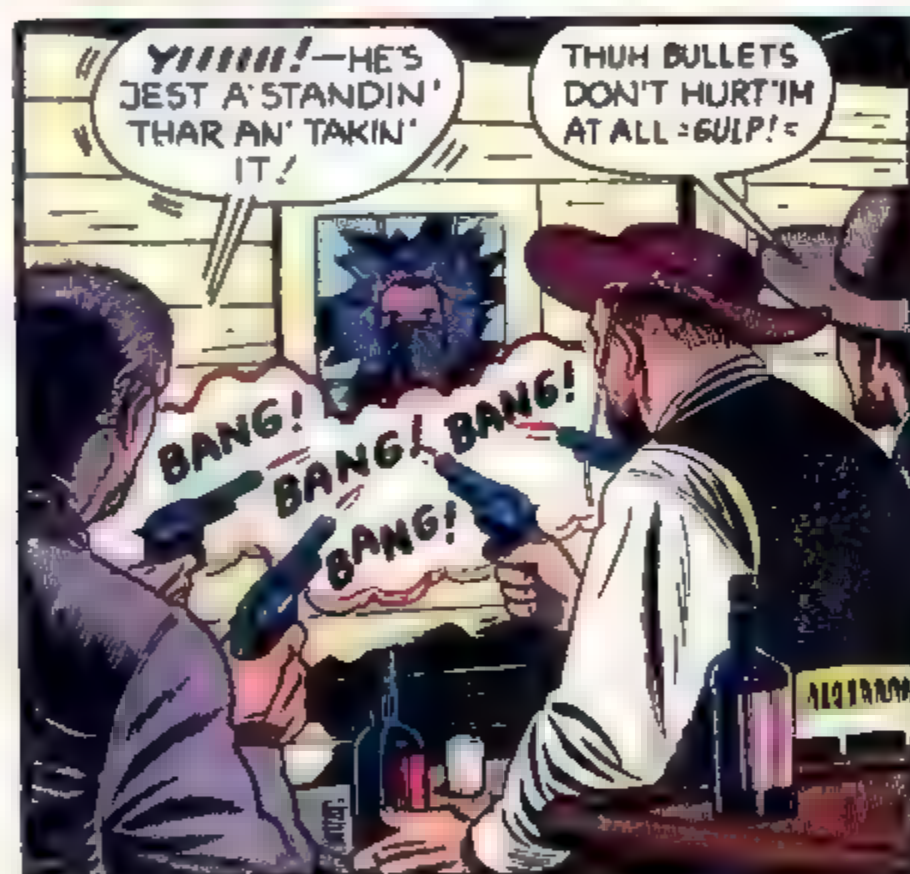
IN TOWN...

WHUT  
THUH-!

OPEN UP THET CELL,  
SHERIFF-LET IDAHO  
HARRY OUT AN' YOU GIT IN!  
MOVE!

YAHOOO!  
I GUESS  
THUH PLAN  
WORKED!







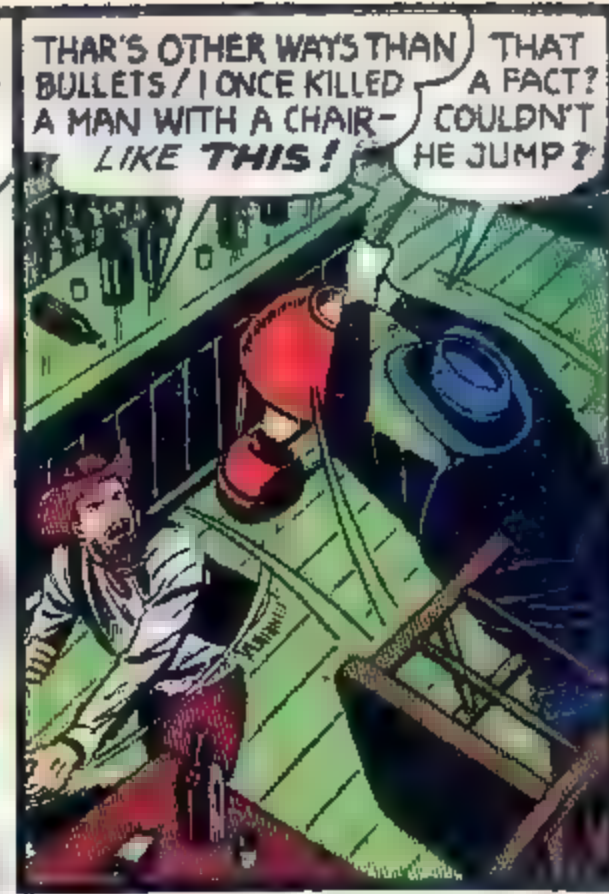
THOSE OTHER DURANGO'S WERE JUST FAKE CLOTHES-DUMMIES, BLACK MIKE — BUT **I'M** REAL!

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES IT TAKES TUH KILL YUH, DURANGO — BUT —!



...BUT I SHORE AIM TUH FIND OUT! **YIII!**

ONLY ONE KILLING WILL DO FOR ME, BLACK MIKE — IF YOU EVER GET AROUND TO IT! LOOKS LIKE THAT GUN WON'T DO IT!



THAR'S OTHER WAYS THAN BULLETS / I ONCE KILLED A MAN WITH A CHAIR — **LIKE THIS!**

THAT A FACT? COULDN'T HE JUMP?



...OR KICK?

BLAST YUH, DURANGO! I'LL BREAK A BOTTLE OVER YORE HAID!



YOU SURE LIKE TO SMASH THINGS, DON'T YOU!



HERE, SMASH AWAY ALL YOU WANT!

**BNNNG!**



THIS JEST ABOUT PAYS FER ALL THE FREE DRINKS AN' BROKEN BOTTLES.

AN' THIS PAYS FER THEM DUMMIES AND CLOTHES THET GOT SHOT UP!

BUSTED AN' BACK IN JAIL! YOU AN' YORE "SURE-FIRE PLANS!"

IT SHOULD'VE WORKED! IT SHOULD'VE WORKED!

THE END

# DURANGO'S WESTERN DICTIONARY

WITH this issue, THE DURANGO KID is inaugurating a new feature for his readers. This is to be a **DICTIONARY OF THE WEST**, including both western names and terms, explaining a little about Indians and pioneers, gunfighters and cowboys, horses and cattle. If you like the idea, why not write in and tell us so?

## APACHE

The Apache were a number of Indian tribes living in and around Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico itself. These tribes consisted of Mimbreno, who ranged from the Rio Grande to the Gila rivers; the Mescalero, from the Pecos to the Rio Grande and down into Mexico; the Chiricahua; in the eastern part of Arizona and down into Mexico; and the Tonto, who also bore the name White Mountain Apaches because they lived in and near the White Mountains of Arizona.

They called the land in which they lived **APACHERIA**.

The heyday of these savage fighters were the years 1865 to 1885.

One of their most famous chiefs was **COCHISE**. Another was **GERONIMO**, who harassed the ranchers of the southwest in his sporadic raids. **MANGUS COLORADO** was a third chief whose fame has come down to us through the years.

The Apache himself was not a tall man, usually, though he was strong and wiry. He had a very deep chest, and sinewy, powerful legs. His hair was black and hung in thin strands to his shoulders. His face was broad, the cheekbones high, as they were in all Indians. Some Apaches were very good runners, with great endurance.

Never very great in numbers, the Apaches achieved their success in fighting because they were so familiar with the desert country in which they lived. Masters of disguise, they could make themselves look like a rock with their blanket and a little dirt. They liked the ambush, preferring to lurk among rocks of a canyon and make their attack in that manner, rather than use the colorful charge with which the Sioux and Cheyenne made their attacks.

The Apache are members of the Athabaskan tribal stock, and came into the American southwest sometime during the late fourteenth or early fifteenth centuries. When they secured horses (after the coming of the Spanish into Mexico) they became daring riders. They ranged down into Mexico, and fought many times with the Spanish and Mexicans. In the middle of the seventeenth century, we find them strong and savage, already raiding and murdering, making their names a dread to the Mexicans,

who they slaughtered and tortured when they could.

Not until 1850, when the expanding United States sent its cavalrymen to the southwest, was there any determined effort made to subdue them. Even then, this war between whites and Apaches lasted for nearly half a century!

The garb of the Apache was very different from that of the Plains Indians. The Apache, wearing deerskin jackets to mid-thigh, belted with rawhide or with metal discs chained together, with their knee-high moccasins they called *n'deh b'keh*, and with red flannel headbands wrapped about their heads, were as distinctive as the Sioux (in their war-bonnets). Their thighs were naked, for they wore no trousers but only the breechclout under their jackets. Of course, in cold weather, they did have leggings of deerhide that they donned. Bead necklaces were worn. Most of their clothes were ornamented with long fringes.

The Apaches ate deer, rabbit, antelope and elk, turkey and quail. They ate cactus fruit, wild potatoes and meal, sunflower seeds and wild strawberries for their vegetables. They drank a fermented brew called *tiswin* that often made them very drunk.

They regarded the wind and thunder, rain and sun as gods.

## BUFFALO

The American **BISON**, often misnamed the **BUFFALO**, was a powerful force in the life of the Indians before the white men drove them from their hunting grounds. Not only food but clothing and ornaments, rattles and medicine, were taken from this shaggy beast. The tepees were made of buffalo hide. The horns were used for magic, and to decorate the bonnets of the Indian medicine-men. Its hair was woven into ropes and belts. As can be seen, such tribes as the Sioux and Cheyenne, Blackfeet and Arapaho, Pawnee and Kiowa, needed the buffalo to exist.

At one time, the buffalo ranged all over North America, even as far eastward as *Pennsylvania*, and as far southward as *Georgia*! However, most people associate the buffalo only with the western prairies.

Their number ranged well into the millions. They were like "a moving, brown sea" when the early explorers first saw them. When the railroad was built across the United States in 1869, it halved the buffalo into a northern and a southern tribe. By 1873, the buffalos in the south were gone. The buffalos to the north lasted until 1883. Today, only on government lands can the bison be found, and then only in a few numbers.

The Indians hunted buffalo by driving them into great pens, by driving them over the edge of cliffs to fall to their deaths on the rocks below, and by racing on fast ponies into the moving herd, firing arrows or lances, and, when they got rifles, bullets. Sometimes a prairie brush-fire was started, with the herd being penned in the middle.

As many as were killed by the Indians, these were few indeed in number compared to those killed by white hunters. Many white men killed as many as two hundred a day, day after day! Their robes made warm blankets, and their bones were used for fertilizer.

As an animal, the buffalo was the largest mammal in North America. Sometimes a bull is eleven feet long, and stands six feet high at the shoulder! He may weigh almost as much as 2000 pounds! Females are smaller.

Today, there are about 25,000 buffalo living on reservations and game preserves.

### DODGE CITY

Founded in 1872, Dodge City, Kansas, became a cow-town almost overnight. Originally it was called Buffalo City, and was built on the northerly side of the Arkansas River. The railroad boomed its population, for this was where the cow herds came, up the Chisholm and the Western trails, bringing long-horn cattle to the railroad pens, for loading into the cars. With the cattle came Texas gunmen, outlaws, human riffraff, and, inevitably, the lawmen.

Dodge has been called "Hell on the Plains" and "Babylon of the Frontier." There was no evil that was not committed at least once a day, between sunrise and sunset, including murder and robbery by violence, within the town's confines.

Men like WYATT EARP and "BAT" MASTERSON were two of the fastest gunmen who ever lived. They served Dodge City as town marshals, and helped bring its evil life under control.

Some of the more famous badmen who came into Dodge City at

one time or another included JOHN WESLEY HARDIN, the great Texas artist with the Colt, and the handsome killer, CLAY ALLISON.

Day and night, Dodge City was open for business. In the daytime, cattle herds and whooping cowboys used its streets; at night the saloons and dancehalls came to life, and gamblers and gunmen, dance-hall girls and outlaws rubbed elbows with prospectors and mule-skinners, Indian-fighters and traders. It was a colorful period of American history.

Today, Dodge City is a fine, modern city of which the United States and Kansas are justly proud. If ever any of you readers visit Dodge City, be sure to see its western museum. It is one of the finest in the world.

### FANNING

Fanning is a method of shooting a sixgun. Instead of using the *trigger* of the Colt—as a matter of strict record, many "fanners" sawed off the trigger from their guns—the man who fanned his gun concentrated only on its *hammer*. Holding the gun in his right hand, he would bring the palm or heel of the left hand hard against the gun-hammer, bringing it back so that when it went forward again, it would fire the gun. Many "fanners" could fire sixguns as fast as they could move their palms back and forth across the hammers.

Fanning the gun was supposed to give the user of this method added speed. However, according to many real gunfighters, fanning often disturbed the aim of the gun, so that a fanner might often miss his target entirely.

### GHOST TOWN

A ghost town is a town that once was inhabited and now is empty of all life. They dot the west from Montana south to Texas. Sometimes these towns were deserted overnight. Inasmuch as the towns sprang up because there were gold- or silver- or copper-mines nearby, when the claims or mines ran out there was no more reason for people to stay on. Occasionally a drop in market prices for silver and copper made it unprofitable, too. Or there might be a better strike discovered somewhere else. In these cases, everybody wanted to be on hand for that better strike. And so the town was abandoned and became a ghost town, where only the ghosts of the men killed there still wandered.

[We'll continue with this WESTERN DICTIONARY in the next issue of THE DURANGO KID.]

# Dan Brand and Tipi

ON APRIL 19th, 1775, AT LEXINGTON, THE SHOT WAS FIRED THAT WAS HEARD ROUND THE WORLD—AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS UNDER WAY! BUT NOW THAT THEY WERE ENGAGED IN A LARGE-SCALED WAR, THE PATRIOTS REALIZED WITH A SUDDEN PANG OF DESPAIR THAT THEY WERE IN DIRE NEED OF

"CANNON FOR FREEDOM"



AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF BRITISH GENERAL GAGE IN BOSTON...

THE REBELS INTEND TO FIGHT IN EARNEST—THAT MEANS THEY'LL NEED CANNON! AND SINCE THE GREATEST ARTILLERY PARK IS AT FORT TICONDEROGA, WE CAN EXPECT A RAID THERE! COLONEL CHISWOLD, WHERE IS THAT BLOODY COURIER...



STEP FORWARD, MAN!

YOU ARE TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE VERBALLY TO SIR GUY CARLETON AT HIS HEADQUARTERS IN CANADA! GENERAL GAGE DIRECTS HIM TO DISPATCH THE 7th REGIMENT TO FORT TICONDEROGA WITHOUT DELAY! YOU WILL PROCEED BY HORSE AS FAR AS...



EH—WHAT'S THAT?!



M-MY HUMBLE APOLOGIES, SIR. I'LL CLEAN IT UP AT ONCE!



THAT MAN-SERVANT WAS UNNERVED BY THE GENERAL'S MESSAGE! COULD HE BE A REBEL SPY...? HE'LL BEAR WATCHING!

I MUST SPEAK FAST, DAN BRAND!  
I FEAR THE GENERAL'S AIDE, COLONEL  
CHISWOLD, SUSPECTS ME! LISTEN—THE  
BRITISH SUSPECT THAT WE HAVE DESIGNS  
ON TICONDEROGA! THEY'RE SENDING A  
MOUNTED COURIER, A SCARRED MAN, BY  
THE NORTH ROAD, THROUGH THE FOREST.

SOMEONE'S  
COMING!

BETRAYER OF THE  
KING! NOW THAT I'VE CAUGHT  
YOU WITH THE NOTORIOUS  
DAN BRAND, I KNOW YOU'RE A  
SPY! SEIZE THEM BOTH, MEN!  
WE'LL HANG THEM BEFORE  
SUN-UP!

RUN, DAN,  
RUN! THE  
COURIER  
MUST BE...

...STOPPED!  
AAARGH!

SO YOU  
RESIST!

CAN'T STOP TO GIVE FIGHT!  
IF THAT COURIER REACHES  
CANADA, OUR ARMY WILL BE  
WITHOUT CANNON—AND THE  
REVOLUTION WILL BE CRUSHED!

TIP!—I MUST RUN THROUGH THE  
FOREST TO TRY TO CUT OFF A  
BRITISH COURIER ON THE NORTH  
ROAD! BRING TWO HORSES...I'LL  
BE JUST THIS SIDE OF  
BEAVER SPRING!

I'LL BE  
THERE,  
DAN!

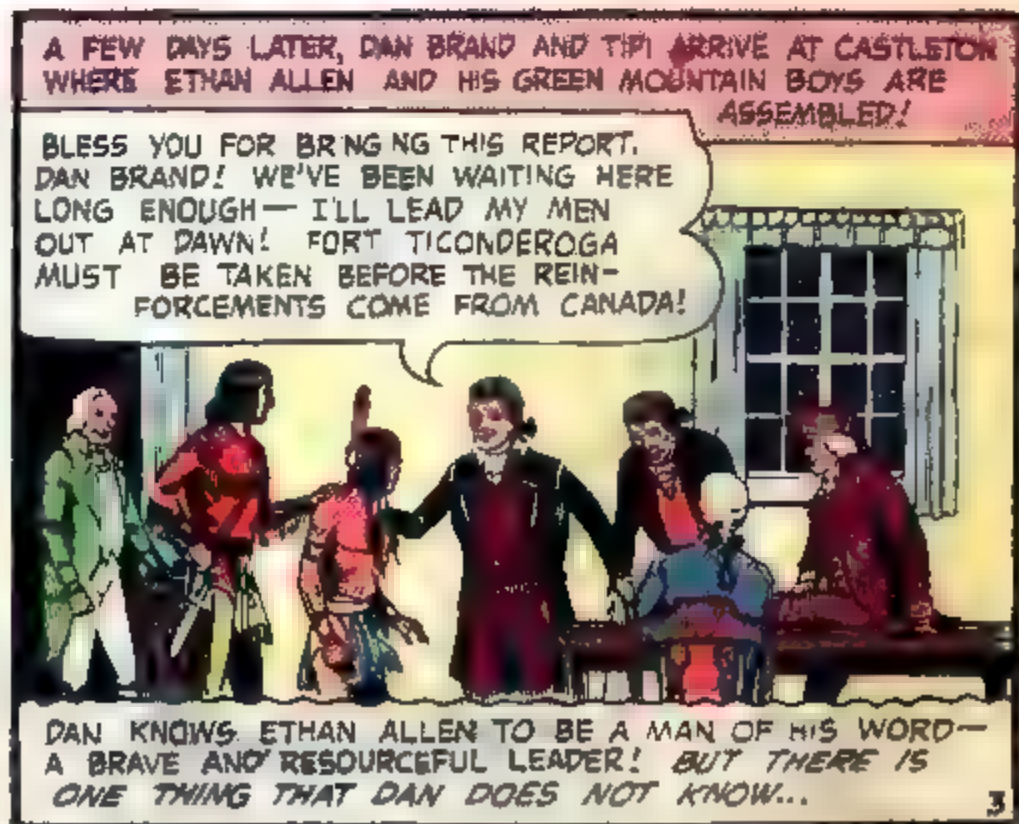
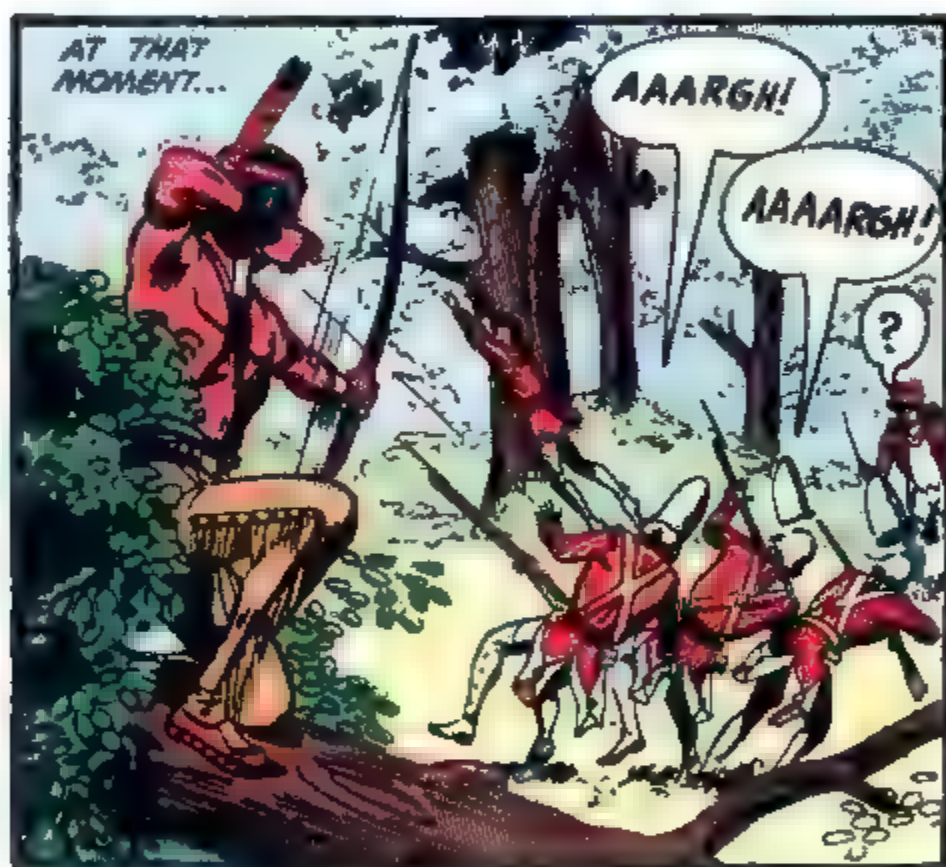
LATER—

HERE HE COMES  
NOW—THE  
SCARRED COURIER!

AIEEEEE!

THEN—

UNHAND HIM, REBEL! DID  
YOU THINK A COURIER OF  
THE KING WOULD RIDE  
UNESCORTED THROUGH A FOREST  
KNOWN TO BE INFESTED BY  
SUCH VERMIN AS YOU...?



COLONEL CHISWOLD, DISGUISED AS A FRONTIERSMAN, HAS TRAILED DAN TO CASTLETON!

SO ALLEN PLANS TO ATTACK AT DAWN! I'LL HAVE TO GET TO THE FORT BEFORE HIM! WITH A GARRISON OF ONLY FORTY-TWO MEN, THERE WON'T BE ANY CHANCE TO SET UP AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSE—BUT WE'LL BE ABLE TO SPIKE THE CANNON, SO THEY'LL BE USELESS TO THE REBELS!



HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' THERE BY THE HEAD-QUARTER'S WINDOW?

OF ALL THE TIMES TO BE APPREHENDED BY A REBEL DOLT!

HERE'S MY PASS, MAN! LOOK CLOSE!



HEY!  
A-A-A-RGH!

THUD



I HEARD SCUFFLING!  
LOOK—THAT SOLDIER!



HE'S DEAD!

THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN IN THE COLONIES WHO'S BIG ENOUGH TO WEAR A MOCCASIN THAT SIZE! AND THAT'S THE BRITISH STAFF OFFICER, COLONEL CHISWOLD!

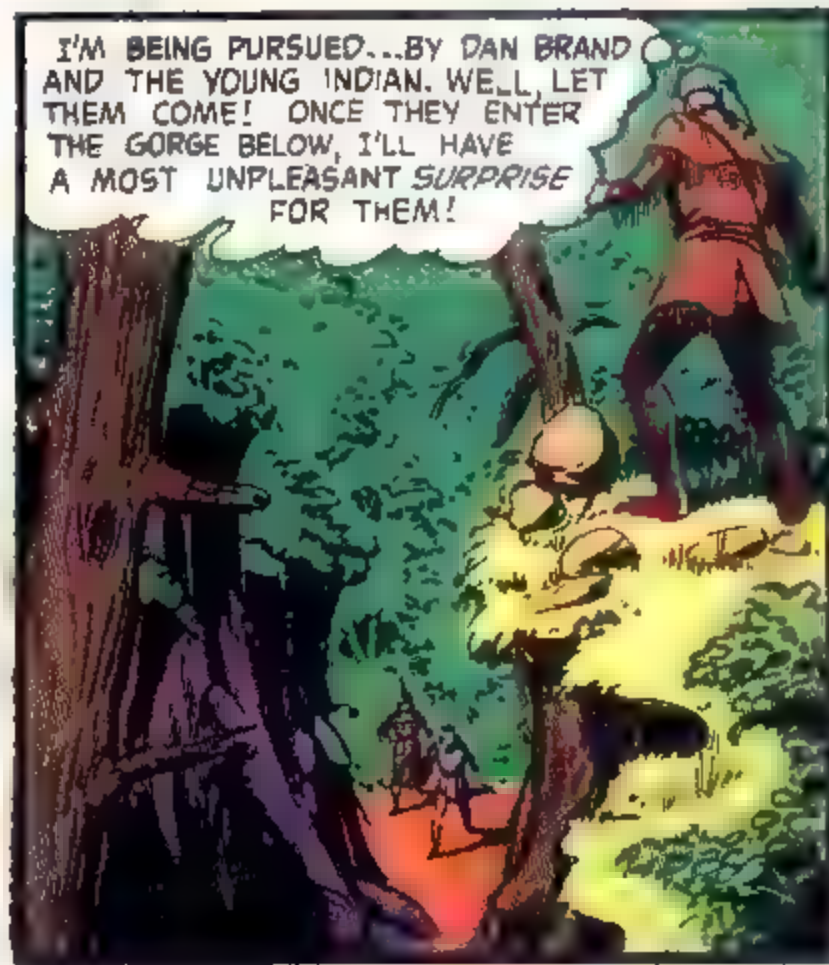


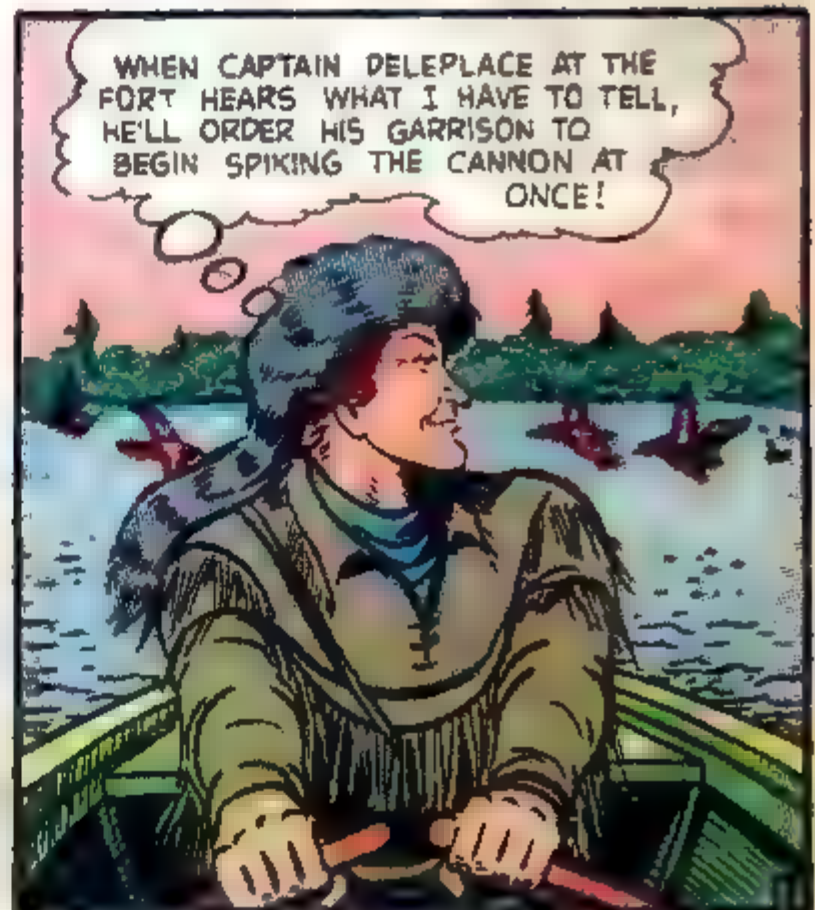
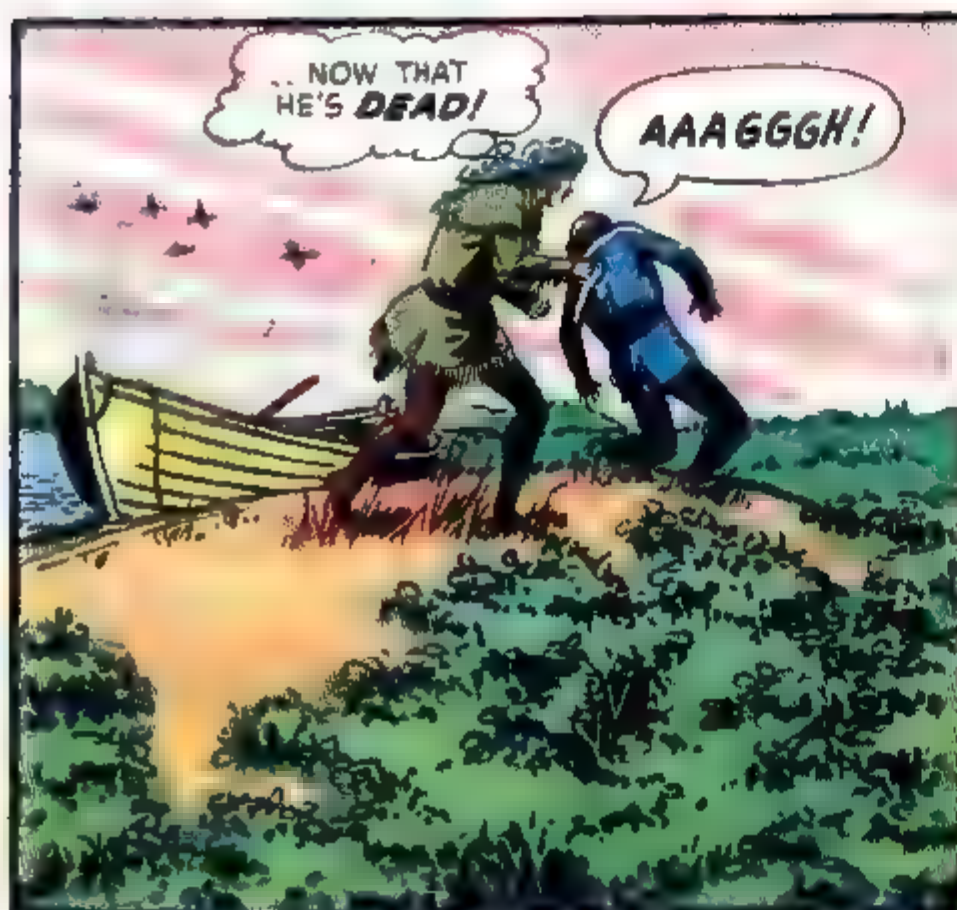
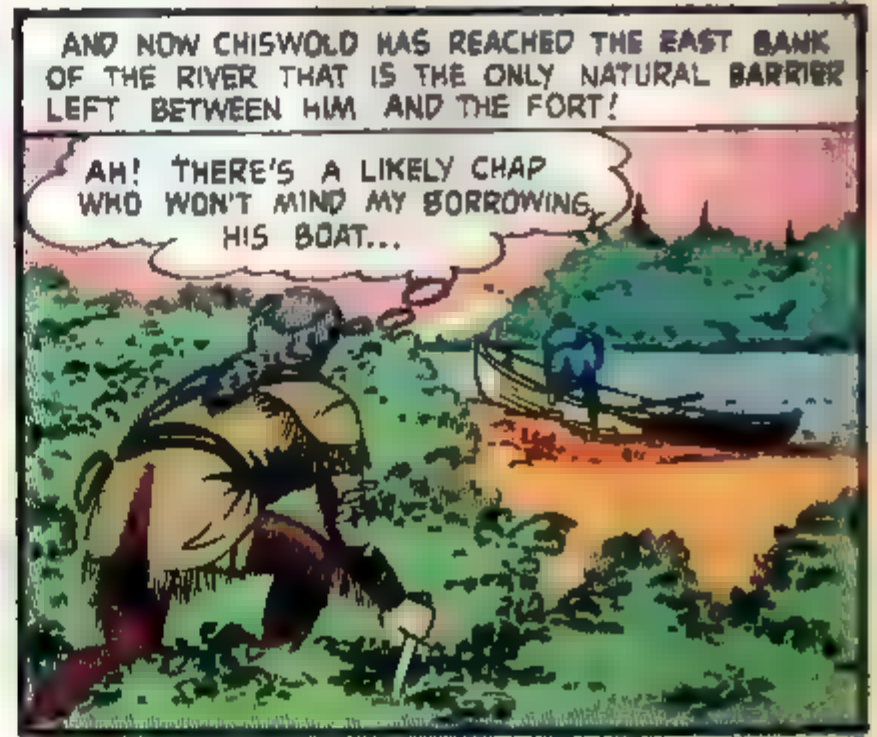
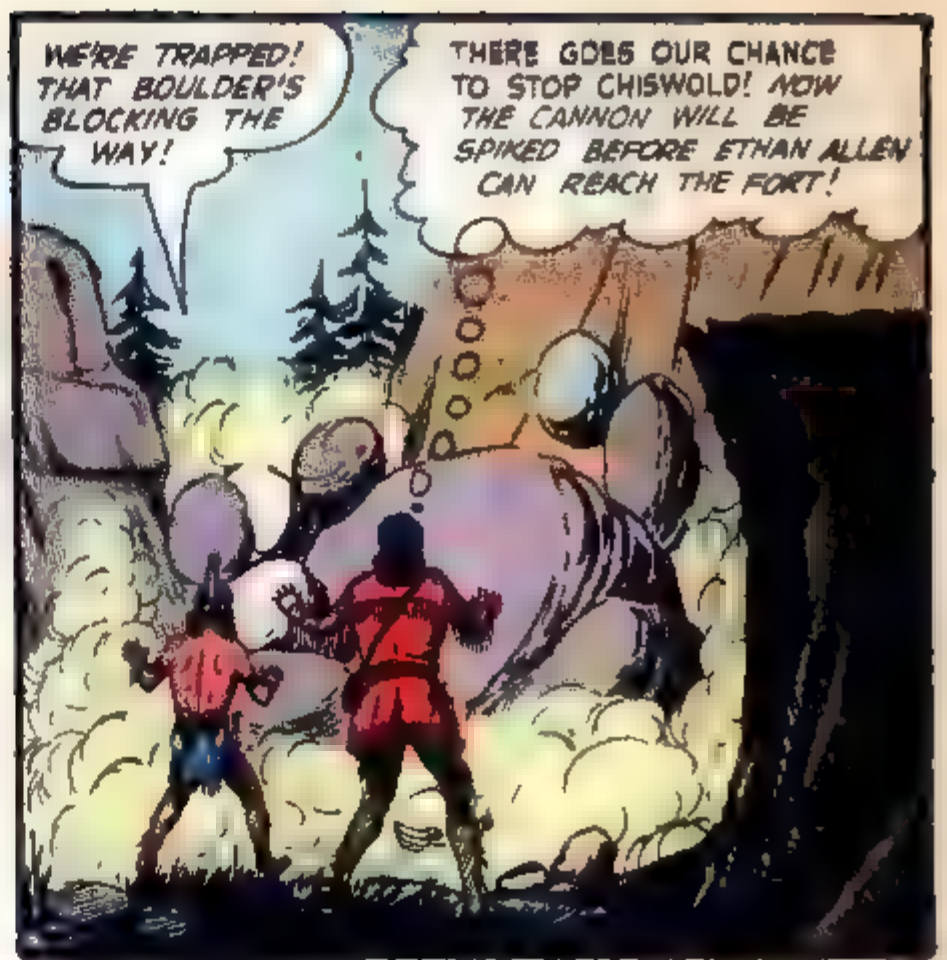
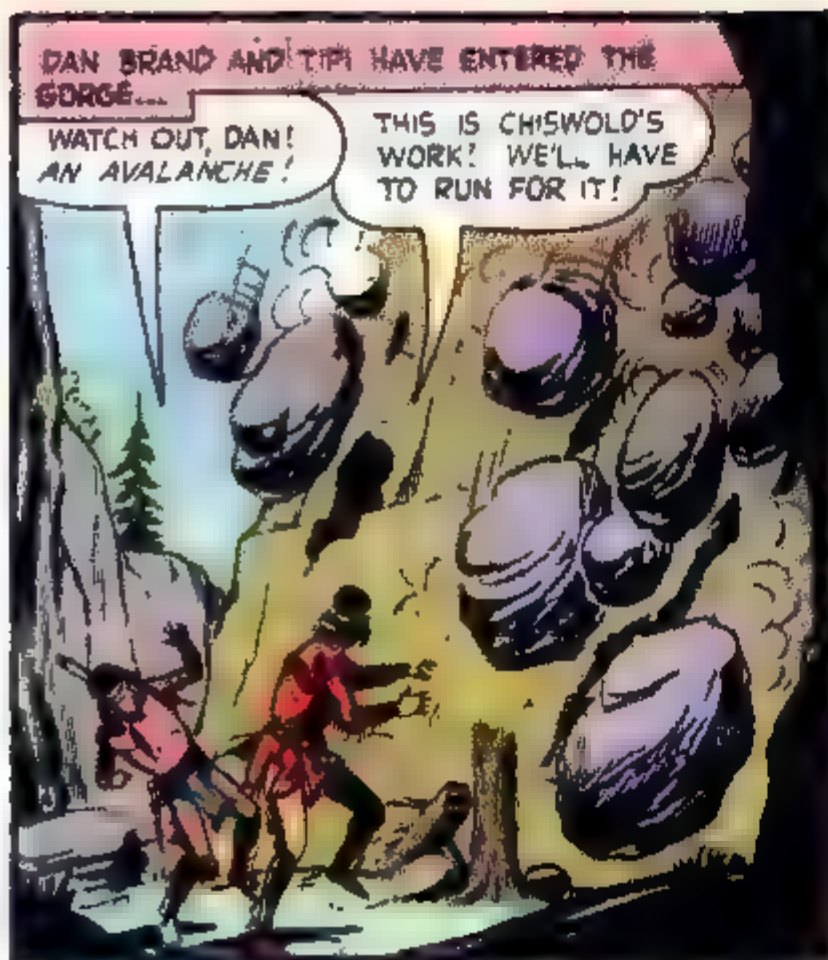
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GOOD! SOON AS I GET MY GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS TOGETHER, WE'LL MOVE OUT AFTER YOU!



I'M BEING PURSUED...BY DAN BRAND AND THE YOUNG INDIAN. WELL, LET THEM COME! ONCE THEY ENTER THE GORGE BELOW, I'LL HAVE A MOST UNPLEASANT SURPRISE FOR THEM!





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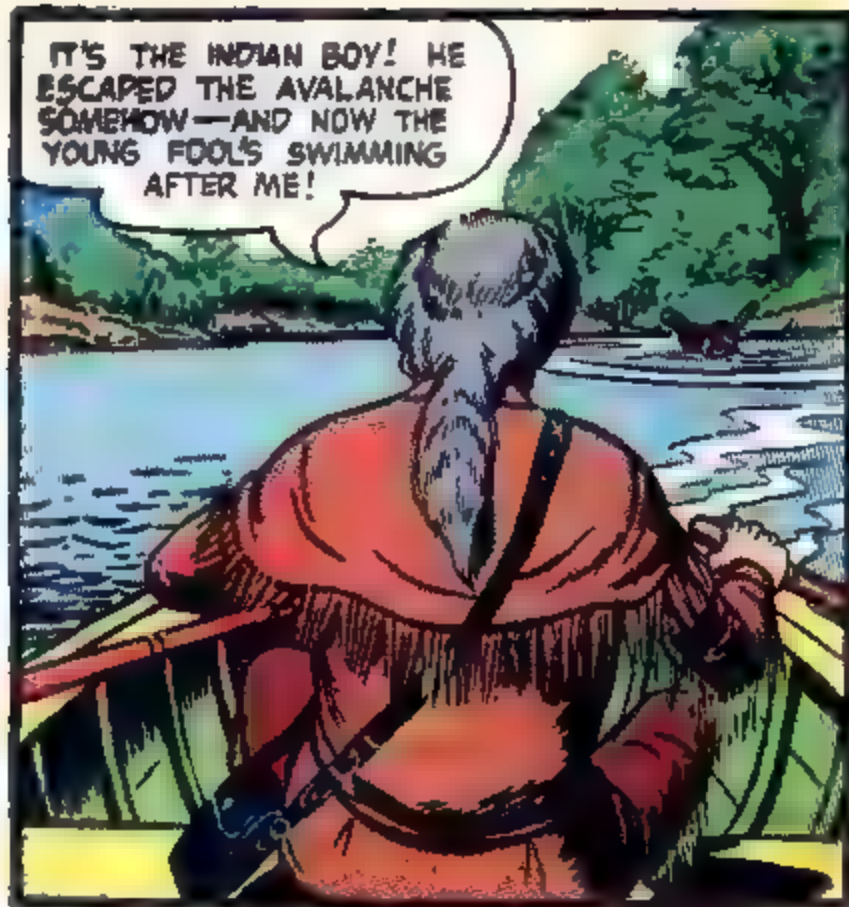
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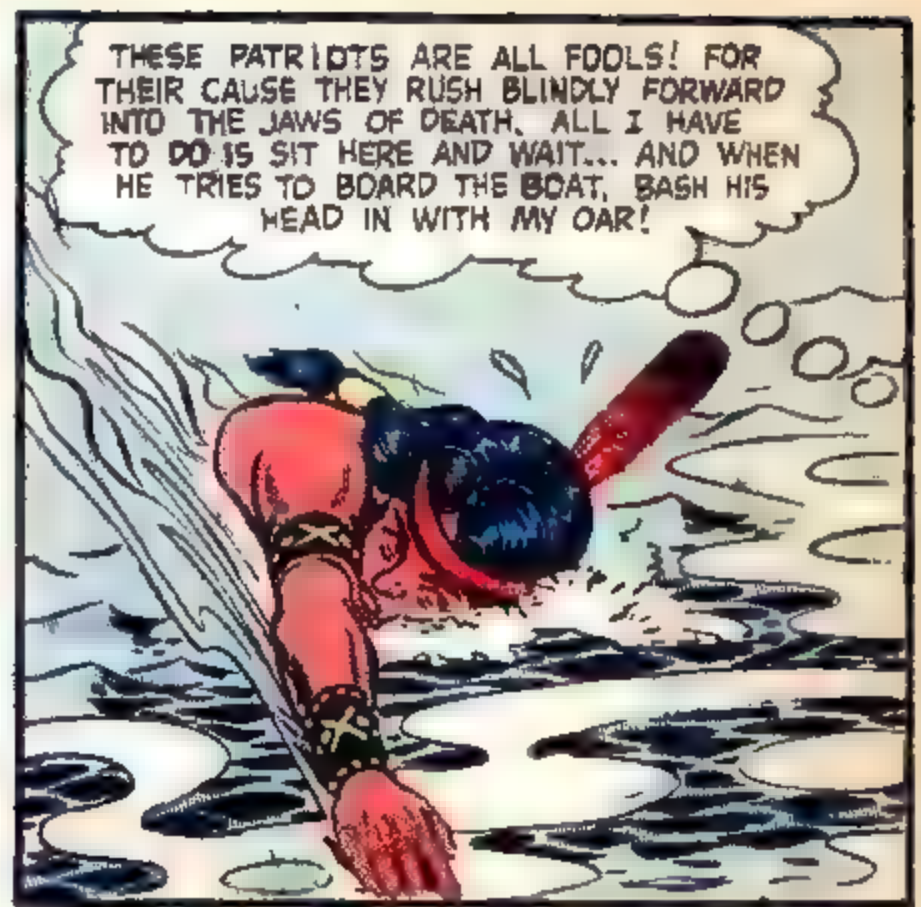
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IT'S THE INDIAN BOY! HE ESCAPED THE AVALANCHE SOMEHOW—AND NOW THE YOUNG FOOL'S SWIMMING AFTER ME!



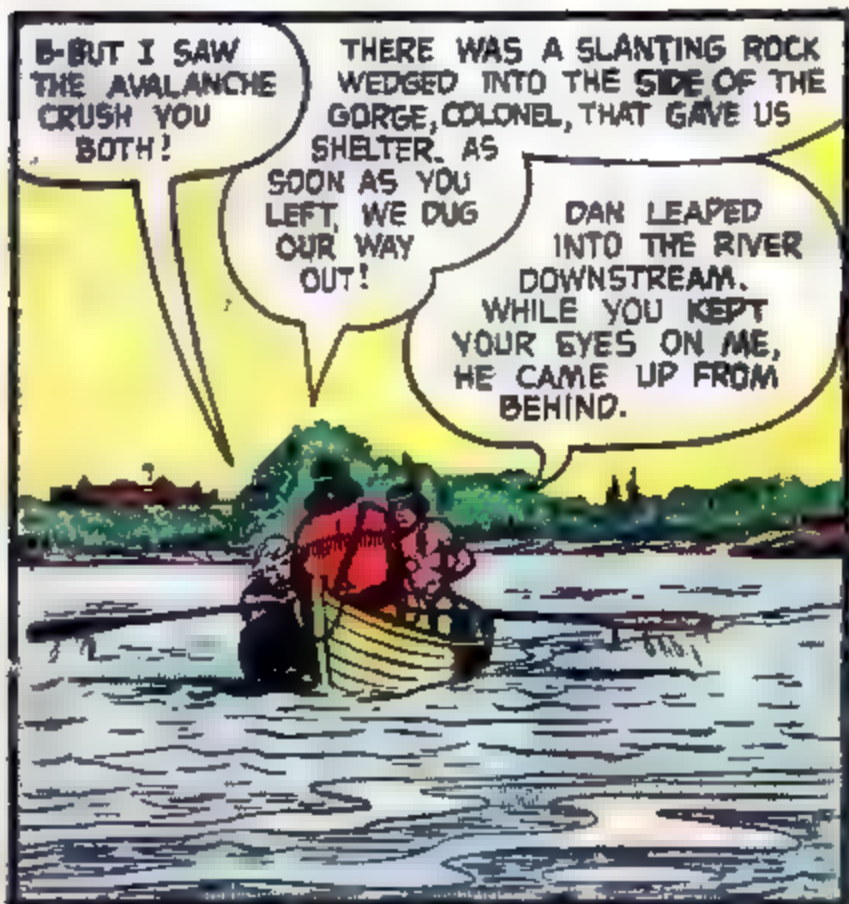
THESE PATRIOTS ARE ALL FOOLS! FOR THEIR CAUSE THEY RUSH BLINDLY FORWARD INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SIT HERE AND WAIT... AND WHEN HE TRIES TO BOARD THE BOAT, BASH HIS HEAD IN WITH MY OAR!



YOU HAVE SPIRIT, MY LAD—THE BRITISH ARMY COULD HAVE USED YOU—BUT NOW...



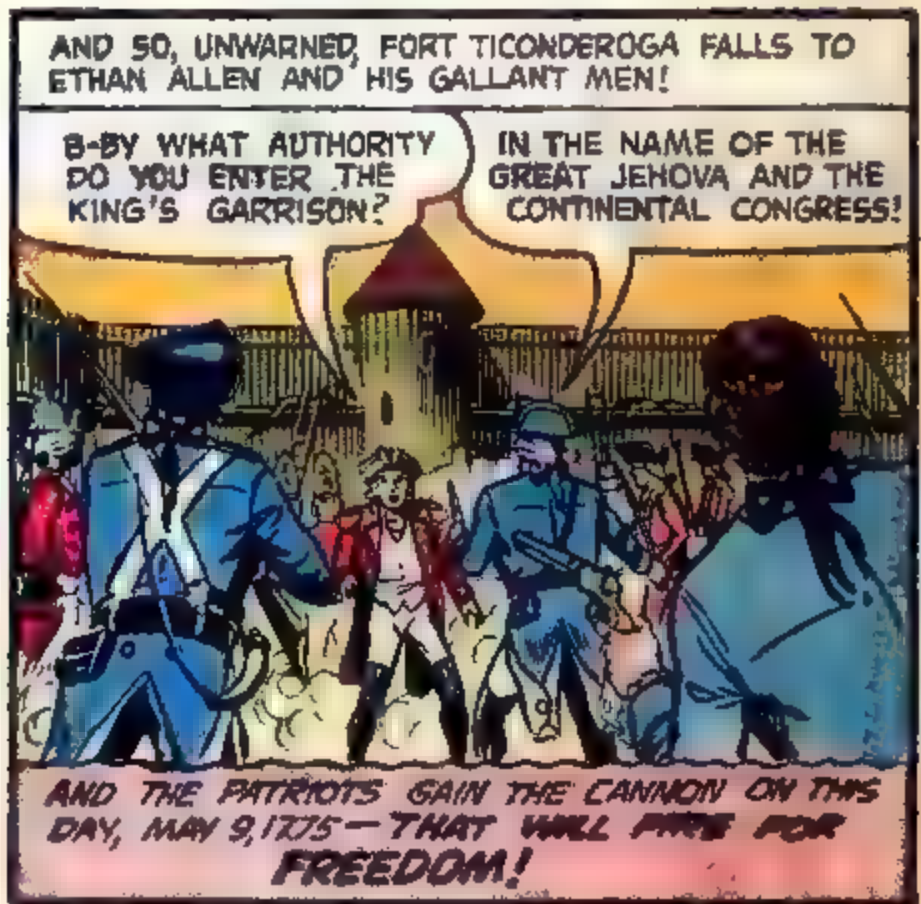
JUST THEN... AIEEEE!



B-BUT I SAW THE AVALANCHE CRUSH YOU BOTH!

THERE WAS A SLANTING ROCK WEDGED INTO THE SIDE OF THE GORGE, COLONEL, THAT GAVE US SHELTER. AS SOON AS YOU LEFT, WE DUG OUR WAY OUT!

DAN LEAPED INTO THE RIVER DOWNSTREAM. WHILE YOU KEPT YOUR EYES ON ME, HE CAME UP FROM BEHIND.



AND SO, UNWARNED, FORT TICONDEROGA FALLS TO ETHAN ALLEN AND HIS GALLANT MEN!

B-BY WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU ENTER THE KING'S GARRISON?

IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT JEHOVA AND THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS!

AND THE PATRIOTS GAIN THE CANNON ON THIS DAY, MAY 9, 1775—THAT WILL FIRE FOR FREEDOM!



**A**S THE DURANGO KID CLAMBERED ASHORE, HE WAS REELING FROM A BACK-BREAKING SWIM AGAINST THE SWIFT CURRENT! GRINNING CRUELLY, THE THREE KILLERS CLOSED IN / AND FROM THE NEARBY BUSHES PEERED THE RED SCORPION, DURANGO'S FIERCEST ADVERSARY! ONCE DURANGO WAS DEAD, NOTHING WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF THE

## "RETURN OF THE RED SCORPION!"

**F**ORCED TO FLEE FROM DEAD MAN DAM, THE RED SCORPION WALKS A MOUNTAIN TRAIL, HIS HEAD HANGING WITH SHAME...

DURANGO  
BESTED ME FAIR AND SQUARE.  
BUT THE NEXT TIME OUR  
TRAILS CROSS...!



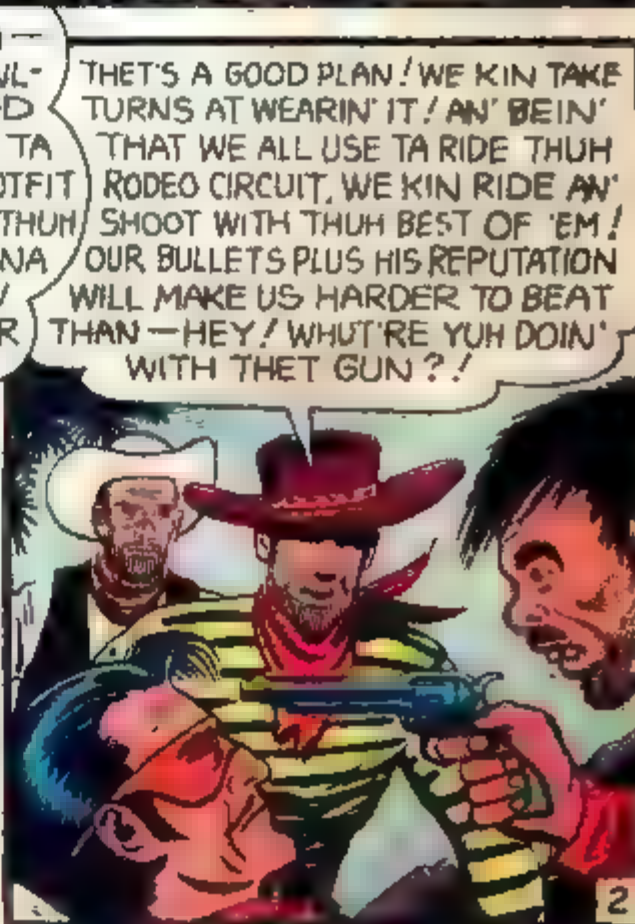
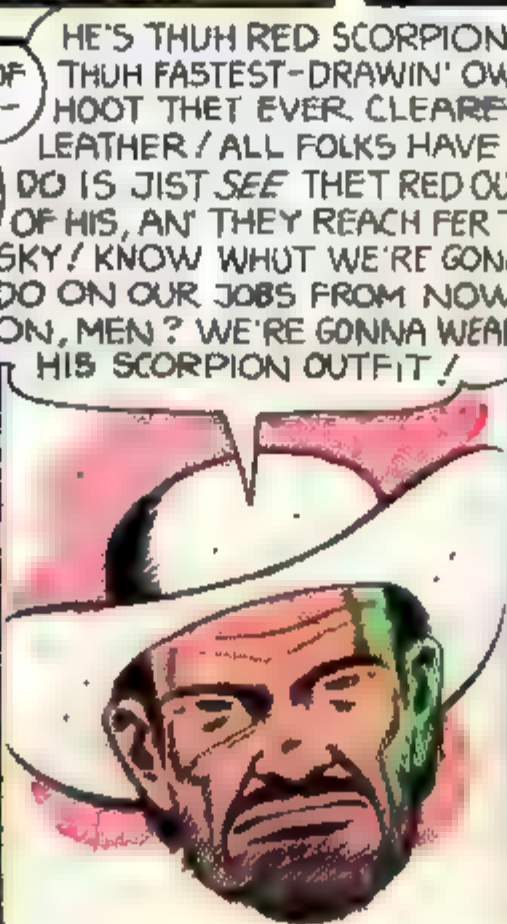
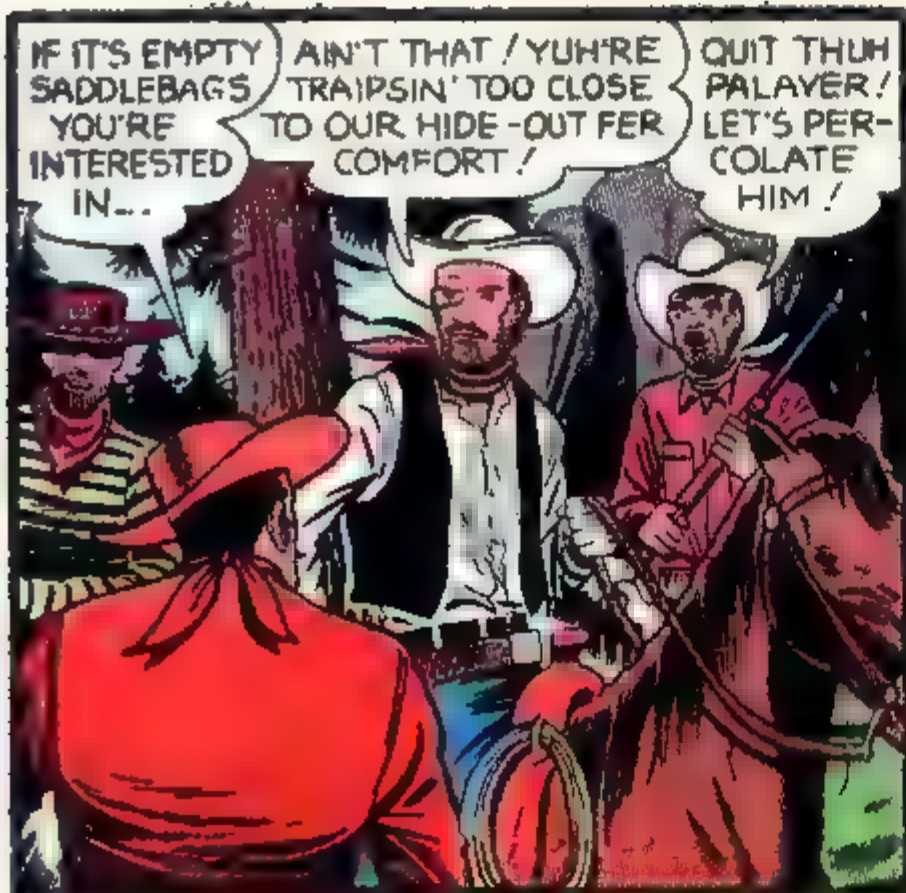
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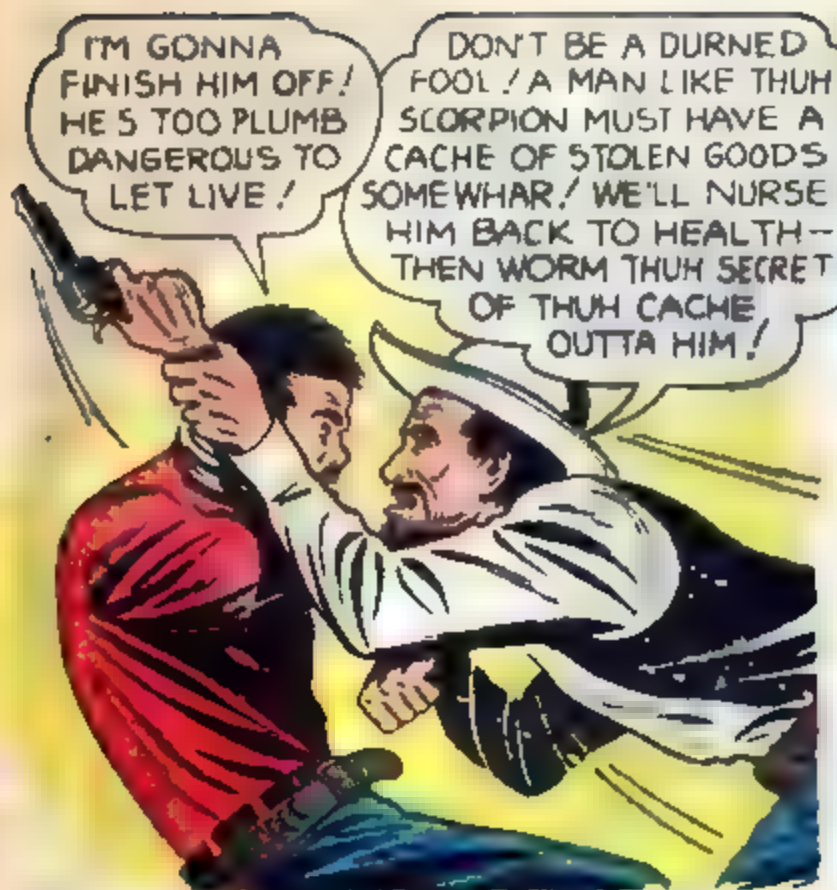


WHAT  
THE-?!

GRAB SKY  
STRANGER! WE'RE  
ALL CRACK  
SHOTS!







I'M GONNA FINISH HIM OFF! HE'S TOO PLUMB DANGEROUS TO LET LIVE!

DON'T BE A DURNED FOOL! A MAN LIKE THUH SCORPION MUST HAVE A CACHE OF STOLEN GOODS SOMEWHAR! WE'LL NURSE HIM BACK TO HEALTH-- THEN WORM THUH SECRET OF THUH CACHE OUTTA HIM!

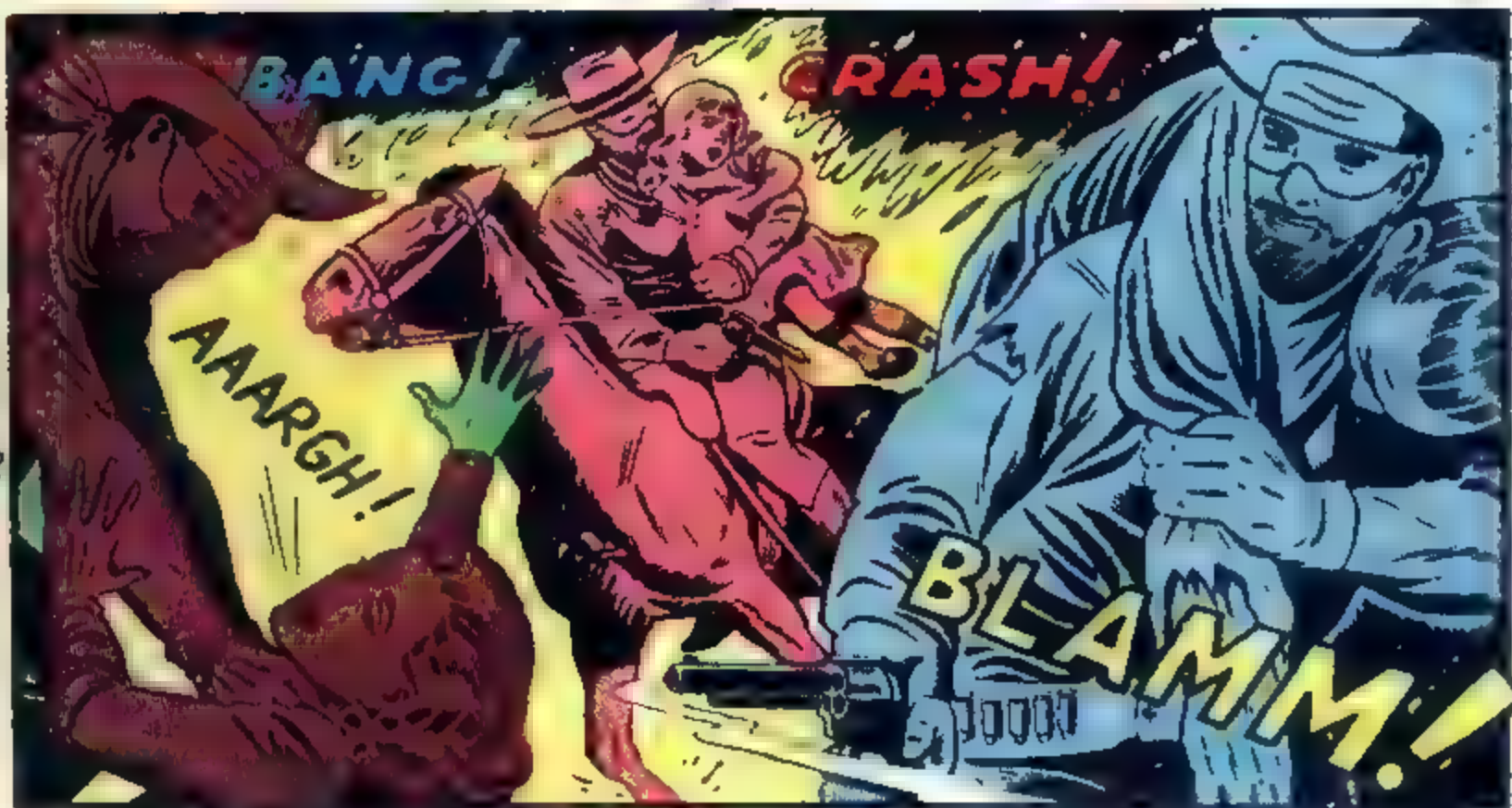


THE VERY NEXT NIGHT--

WITH THET MASK ON--HIS OWN MAW COULDN'T TELL YUH APART FROM THUH SCORPION!

HEH-HEH-HEH-- WON'T BE HIS MAW I'LL BE CALLIN ON TONIGHT!

AND SO STARTS A SERIES OF HORRENDOUS CRIMES, ALL COMMITTED BY A RIDER IN RED, ALL FEATURING SUPERB HORSEMANSHIP, RECKLESS DARING, AND BRUTAL RUTHLESSNESS!



AND THE AFTERMATH IS ALWAYS DEATH!

CAIN I UNDERSTAND IT! NEVER KNEW THUH SCORPION TO SHOOT FOLKS DOWN IN COLD BLOOD BEFORE!

DURANGO CHASIN' HIM OUTTA DEAD MAN DAM MUST VE SOURED HIM!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO CALL THUH DURANGO KID BACK TO TANGLE WITH HIM

WHAT'S THE LONG FACE FOR MULEY?

THIS-HERE LETTER'S FROM THUH SHERIFF AT DEAD MAN'S DAM. HE SAYS THUH RED SCORPION'S RUNNIN' HOG-WILD AGAIN-- ONLY THIS TIME WHEN HE PULLS HIS JOBS, HE SHOTS TO KILL!

STEVE GRIMLY DONS HIS DURANGO OUTFIT!

YUH'LL BE KEERFUL, WON'T YUH? THET SCORPION'S POISON ON TWO LEGS!

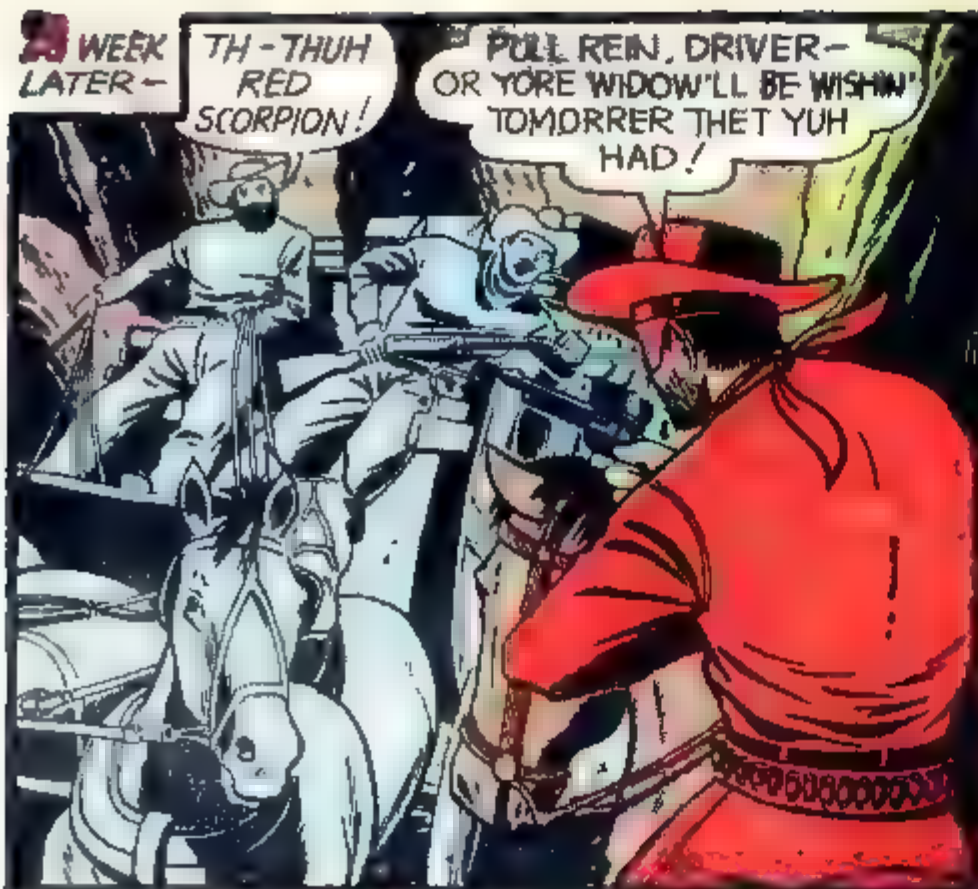
DON'T KNOW A STRONGER ANTIDOTE FOR TWO-LEGGED POISAN THAN THIS GUN OF MINE, MULEY..



2 WEEK  
LATER -

TH - THUH  
RED  
SCORPION!

PULL REIN, DRIVER -  
OR YORE WIDOW'LL BE WISHIN'  
TOMORRER THET YUH  
HAD!



CAN'T RISK  
TRYING A SHOT  
FROM HERE! IF I  
ONLY WOUND HIM, HE'LL  
TAKE IT OUT ON THE  
PASSENGERS! HMM -  
IF I LASSO THAT  
STUMP ACROSS  
THE RAVINE...



OOOFF!



HEADS DOWN,  
EVERYBODY -  
IT'S RAININ'  
LEAD!

TWEET!  
TWEET!

RAVINE S TOO NARROW FOR ME  
TO SHOOT AFTER HIM - RICOCHETS  
MIGHT HIT THE PASSENGERS! BUT I'M  
ON H.S TRAIL NOW! AND I'M NOT  
GETTING OFF TILL THERE'S A  
NOOSE AROUND HIS NECK!

GLEAR UP TO THE MOUNTAINS.  
DURANGO GRIMLY FOLLOWS THE  
KILLER'S TRAIL!

DON'T HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT THE SCORPION DRY-  
GULCHING ME! HE HAS TOO MUCH  
VANITY TO WRIGGLE OUT OF A  
FACE-TO-FACE DUEL WITH THE  
DURANGO KID!

LOOKA HIM  
RIDIN' RIGHT  
OUT IN  
THUH OPEN!  
I TOLD YUH  
HE'D BE  
COMIN'  
AFTER ME!

YUH  
THINK  
THUH  
SCORPION'S  
ALL RIGHT  
BACK IN  
THUH  
HIDE-OUT?

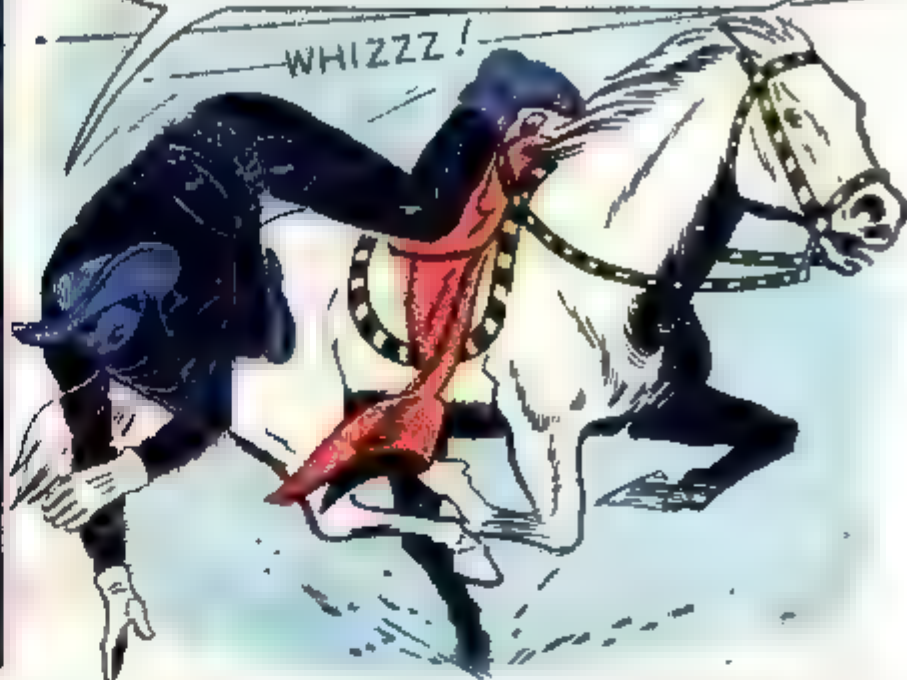
YOU TIED HIM!  
WHY'RE YUH  
ASKIN' US...?  
DON'T TAKE  
YORE SIGHTS  
OFF DURANGO!  
SOON AS HE  
PASSES THET  
BOULDER, WE'RE  
ALL GONNA  
SHOOT TO  
KILL!





BUT WHILE THE OWLHOOTS' FINGERS WERE STILL TAKING UP THEIR TRIGGERS' SLACK —

CAREFUL, RAIDER, FOOTING'S BAD-HEY! SOMEBODY'S SHOOTING AT US!



THERE'S MORE THAN ONE MAN SHOOTING. COULD BE THE SCORPION'S FORMED HIMSELF A GANG...



DID WE GIT HIM?

NAW — HIS DURNED HOSS STUMBL'D JIST BEFORE WE SHOT!

THAR HE IS — PEEPIN' OVER THUH BOULDER! BLAST, MEN!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE MURDEROUS TRIO'S HIDEOUT —

THE SHOOTING'S STARTED UP AGAIN! LUCKY THE BUCK-TOOTHED ONE WAS IN SUCH A HURRY TODAY WHEN HE TIED ME TO THE CHAIR — I WAS ABLE TO SLUMP OVER WITHOUT HIS NOTICING...

... AND NOW THE ROPE'S LOOSE ENOUGH FOR ME TO WORK ON IT WITH MY TEETH!



RUSH HIM, MEN! HE'S WINGED FER SURE NOW!

YIPPEE! WHATTA HAUL THUH SCORPION OUR PRISONER AN' DURANGO DEAD!



BUT DURANGO IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE!

HE TRICKED US!  
GIT BACK BEHIND  
THOSE TREES!

OWW!

CRACK!  
CRACK!

WHUT  
DO WE  
- DO  
'NOW?

I GOT AN IDEAR! KNOW THAT DYNAMITE  
WE USED FER THUH LAST BANK JOB? WE  
GOT ENOUGH STICKS LEFT IN THUH CACHE  
OUTSIDE THUH SHACK TO MAKE THET  
STREAM CHANGE ITS COURSE AN' RUN  
RIGHT OVER THUH BOULDER WHAR  
DURANGO'S HIDING!

SHORT TIME LATER -

BAROOM!

KEEP RUNNIN' ALONGSIDE,  
MEN! SOON AS HE HITS  
THUH SURFACE, WE'LL  
DRILL HIM!

I'M  
BEING SWEEP  
AWAY!

BUT DURANGO HAS OTHER PLANS!

HAVE TO  
STAY DOWN...TRY  
TO FIGHT MY WAY  
UPSTREAM...

CURRENT'S  
TOO STRONG...  
HAVE TO  
SURFACE  
SOON!

HOPE THEY  
DON'T SPOT  
ME RIGHT  
OFF!

THAR HE IS,  
MEN! BEHIND  
US - UP THE  
SLOPE!



MY GUN IS WATER-LOGGED! C-CAN HARDLY STAND ON MY FEET...

YUH WON'T GIT AWAY THIS TIME!

I'M GONNA DRILL YUH RIGHT BETWEEN THUH EYES!

HOW DOES IT FEEL, DURANGO, TO BE PLUMB SURE YUH'RE GONNA DIE?



**BLAMM!**



OWWW! IT-IT'S THUH SCORPION! HE GOT LOOSE!

HERE'S A GUN FOR YOU, DURANGO! LET'S WORK OVER THEM TOGETHER!



NEVER DREAMED I'D BE GLAD TO SEE YOU TODAY, SCORPION!

FOR A SECOND BACK THERE, I THOUGHT I'D LET YOU DIE... BUT WHEN YOUR TIME COMES, I WANT TO BE THE ONE WHO BLASTS YOU!

**CRACK!  
CRACK!**



TSK-TSK—THIS ONE DROPPED HIS GUNS!

AIEEE!

MIGHTY CARELESS OF THE GENTLEMAN!



LATER—

DON'T THINK I'VE TURNED SOFT BECAUSE OF WHAT I DID TODAY, DURANGO! I'M STILL YOUR ENEMY!

NOTHING SOFT ABOUT YOU, SCORPION. BUT I HAVE A SNEAKING SUSPICION THAT WAY DOWN UNDER ALL THAT BLUSTER, THERE'S A WIDE STREAK OF DECENCY!



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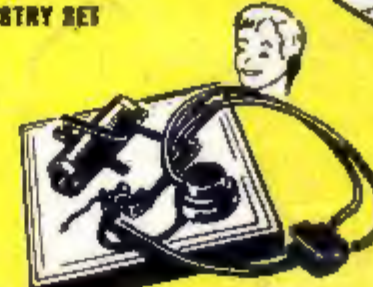
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